**Lesson 1 – Quantifiers**

**A quantifier is a word (or phrase) which indicates the number or amount being referred to.** It generally comes before the noun (or noun phrase).





1. **Many and Much**

**Form:**

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| **many + Countable Plural Noun** | **much + Uncountable Noun** |
| *Mainly in Questions & Negatives* | *Mainly in Questions & Negatives* |

**For example:**

1. There are not many mobile phones nowadays. (many + plural noun in negative form)
2. How many mobile phones are there? (many + plural noun in question form)
3. There is not much water. (much + uncountable noun in negative form)
4. How much water is there? (much + uncountable noun in question form)



1. **Some and any**

**Form:**

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| **Some + plural noun** | **Any + plural noun** |
| * Some is used in positive sentences * Some is used in questions that are requests or offers | * Any is used in negatives and questions * Mainly we don’t use any in questions that are requests or offers. |

**For example:**

1. I need some coffee. (+)
2. I don’t need any coffee. (-)
3. Can I have some pens please? (+)
4. Do you need any coffee? (-)
5. Would you like some fresh water? (+)
6. Does she have any books? (-)
7. **A few and a little**

**Form**

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| **a few + Plural noun** | **a little + Uncountable noun** |
| *A few is used in Positives, Negatives and Questions.* | A little is used in *Positives, Negatives and Questions.* |

**Example:**

1. A few friends of mine will come and visit you the following week.
2. A few students were not assigned to do homework.
3. There is a little water in the lake.
4. Can you give me a little help?
5. **A lot/lots of**

**Form**

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| **A lot /lots of** | 🡺 | They are used with both Plural nouns & Uncountable nouns (positives, negatives, and questions). |

**For example:**

1. There is a lot of butter.
2. Are there lots of visitors nowadays?
3. I don’t have a lot of friends, but I have enough.

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Choose the correct answer.*

1. There aren't many car parks in the centre of Oxford.

a) much b) many

2. Eating out is expensive here. There aren't any cheap restaurants.

a) any b) some

3. Liverpool has a lot of great nightclubs.

a) a lot b) many

4. Hurry up! We only have a little time before the coach leaves.

a) a few b) a little

5. We saw some of beautiful scenery when we went to Austria.

a) a little of b) some

6. There are a few shops near the university.

a) a few b) any

7. It's very quiet. There aren't many people here today.

a) much b) many

8. There are some expensive new flats next to the river.

a) some b) a little

9. I have some good idea.

a) some b) any

10. We don’t have any grapes.

a) some b) any

**Instruction 2:** *Choose a word/phrase from the table below to fill each space. Some words/phrases may be used more than once.*

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | a few any a little much | a lot of some many a lot | |

Many

1. How children do you and Tony have?

any

2. I don't have patience, and I find jigsaw puzzles boring.

A few

3. We only have carrots. We should go and buy some more.

A lots

4. "Do we need some mushrooms?" "No, we have . Look, three bags!"

Some/a lot of

5. There was an explosion at the factory and people were injured. We don't know how many yet.

A little/some

6. When you make the pie, put wine in too. But not too much! It makes it really tasty.

Any

7. I don't need advice from you. You don't understand the problem!

much

8. "Do you like this program?" "Not . You can change the channel if you want."

A few/some/a lof of

9. I have been to America times. Twice in 1996 and again last year.

10. Can you give me information about the buses in the city center, please?

some