

a·mount¹

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noun [uncountable and countable]

1 **AMOUNT** a quantity of something such as time, money, or a substance:

amount of

They spend equal amounts of time in California and New York.

a considerable/large/enormous etc amount

a considerable amount of money

a small/tiny etc amount

a tiny amount of dirt

*Please pay **the full amount** (= of money) by the end of the month.*

2 used to talk about how much there is of a feeling or quality:

a large/considerable etc amount of something

Her case has attracted an enormous amount of public sympathy.

a certain/fair amount of something

Dina encountered a fair amount of envy among her colleagues.

3 no amount of something can/will etc do something EFFECT/INFLUENCE

used to say that something has no effect:

No amount of persuasion could make her change her mind.

4 any amount of something

used to say that there is plenty of something, and no more is needed:

The school has any amount of resources and equipment.

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amount how much of something there is: *Try to reduce the amount of fat in your diet. | a tiny amount of poison*

quantity a particular amount of food, liquid, or another substance that can be measured – used especially in written descriptions and instructions: *Make sure that you add the right quantity of milk. | They buy the wood in large quantities.*

volume the amount of something such as business activity or traffic, especially when this is large or increasing: *The volume of traffic on our roads has risen sharply. | the huge volume of trade with China*

level the exact amount of something at one time, which can go up or down at other times: *They measured the level of alcohol in his blood. | There is a high level of unemployment.*

proportion the amount of something, compared with the whole amount that exists: *the proportion of road accidents caused by drunk drivers | A high proportion of the students were from poor families.*

quota a maximum amount of something that can be produced, sold, brought into a country etc: *import quotas on Japanese cars*

yield /jɪːld/ the amount of something that is produced, especially crops: *this year's cotton yield*

amount²

verb

amount to something

phrasal verb

- 1** TOTAL if figures, sums etc amount to a particular total, they equal that total when they are added together:

Time lost through illness amounted to 1,357 working days.

2 BE if an attitude, remark, situation etc amounts to something, it has the same effect:

The court's decision amounts to a not guilty verdict.

*Ultimately, their ideas **amount to the same thing**.*

3 not amount to much/anything/a great deal etc UNIMPORTANT

to not be important, valuable, or successful:

Her academic achievements don't amount to much.

Jim's never going to amount to much.

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