**Quantifiers**

What are quantifiers? A quantifier is a word or phrase which is used before a noun to indicate the amount or number. It answers the question "How many ... ?" Or "How much ... ?". Remember that "amount" and "how much" refer to non-count nouns, while "number" and "how many" refer to count nouns.

Let's look at a few examples.

We didn't spend much money.

You must be quick. There is little time

(Both "money" and "time" are non-count nouns)

Do you have many friends?

Most of the town is modern. There are few old buildings.

(Both "friends" and "buildings" are count nouns)

There are some quantifiers which are used only with non-count nouns. Here are a few examples:

Much, not much, too much, (a) little, less, least.

Examples:

**There is a little water on the floor because of the storm last night.**

There should be less pollution in our cities.

There are some quantifiers which are used only with count nouns. Here are a few examples:

Many, not many, too many, (a) few, fewer, fewest, several.

Examples:

He's got only a few dollars.

AHU has fewer students than Yarmouk University.

There are some quantifiers which are used with both non-count and count nouns. Here are a few examples:

A lot of, lots of, plenty of, some, any, no, none, enough.

Examples:

**I bought some milk, some apples, and lots of bananas.**

**Unfortunately, she doesn't have any friends.**

*Note: you can find more examples in your text book.*