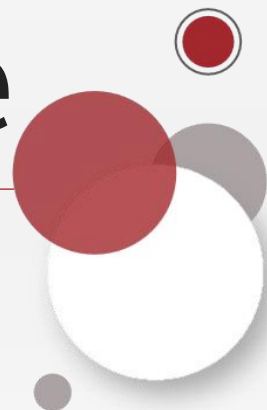




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Lesson 8

A) Countable/Uncountable

B) Present Perfect



A) Countable / Uncountable

How much is used for uncountable nouns.

Eg

How much ice cream is there?

How much time have we got for the exam?

A lot / a lot of / lots of / quite a lot / much to express a large quantity

not much is used to express a little

none is used to express zero quantity



How many is used for countable nouns.

Eg.

How many students are in your class?

How many people are invited to the party?

A lot/lots of/quite a lot/many to express a large quantity

not many is used to express a few

none is used to express zero quantity



Eg.

John is extremely busy these days. He has free time.

uncountable

1) any 2) a little 3) a few 4) little 5) few

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Exercise: Complete the sentences below

information chair furniture hair job work advice

- 1) They will tell you what you want to know. They'll give you plenty of information
- 2) Everybody can sit down. There are plenty of chairs
- 3) We have no furniture not even a bed or a table.
- 4) "What does he look like? " "He's got a beard and short hair."
- 5) John is unemployed. He can't get a job
- 6) John is unemployed. He can't get work
- 7) I didn't know what to do so I asked John for advice



Answers:

- 1) information
- 2) chairs
- 3) furniture
- 4) hair
- 5) job
- 6) work
- 7) advice



Exercise: Translate the sentences into English.

- 1) C'è molto rumore in questo posto.
a lot of noise
- 2) "Hai molto lavoro da fare?" "Sì molto"
have you got lots of work to do yes, a lot
- 3) Quanto latte abbiamo nel frigorifero?" "Due litri"
how much milk we have in the fridge 2 liters
- 4) Ho visto un film ieri. Mi è piaciuto molto.
I have seen a film yesterday. I liked it a lot
- 5) I gatti dormono molto.
the cats sleep a lot



Answers:

- 1) There's a lot of noise in this place.
- 2) "Have you got much work to do?" "Yes, a lot:"
- 3) "How much milk have we got in the fridge?" "2 litres"
- 4) I saw a film yesterday. I liked it a lot.
- 5) Cats sleep a lot.



B) Present Perfect

This verb tense is used for general past experiences.

Don't use this tense with "when" or to talk about a specific time such as "last night" or "2 days ago" or "yesterday".

Affirmative

I/we/you/they have = 've + verb -ed *if the verb is regular*

he/she/it has = he's/she's/it's or past participle verb
if the verb is irregular



Eg

We've contacted all the students .

They've gone to Paris.

She's already taken the exam.

Negative

I/we/you/they haven't + verb -ed/p.p.(past participle)

he/she/it hasn't

Eg

We haven't eaten yet.

She hasn't visited every European capital city yet.



Interrogative

Have I/we/you/they

Has he/she /it + verb -ed/p.p (past participle) ?

Have they already accepted the application?

Has it expired?

Consult a grammar for a list of the irregular verbs.



Sample question

A: Have you meet any old school friends lately?

B: Oh no.....much time lately

- 1) hadn't
- 2) haven't had
- 3) didn't have
- 4) don't have
- 5) haven't got



Exercise: Complete this letter using the present perfect.

Dear John,

Lots of things **have happened** since I last wrote to you.

- 1) I/buy/ a new car.
- 2) My father/start a new job.
- 3) I/give up smoking.
- 4) Charles and Sara/go to Brazil.
- 5) Suzanne/has a baby.



That is the end of lesson 8.

Next lesson: A) Modals
 B) Acronyms
 C) Reading signs



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