

Determiners

We use quantifiers when we want to give someone information about the number of something: how much or how many.

1. Quantifiers with count and uncount nouns

We can use these quantifiers with both count and uncount nouns:

All – some – more – a lot of- enough – no – any – most – lots of- less

examples:

We have lots of time.

Joe has lots of friends.

I can't go out. I've got no money.

There was a lot of food but no drinks.

2. /some/ and /any/

We do not normally use the quantifier some in negative and interrogative sentences. We normally use any:

Do you have any children?

Did you see any friends?

We don't have any children.

I didn't see any friends.

We saw some lions at the zoo, but we didn't see any tigers.

but we can use *some* for offers and requests:

Would you like some tea?

I want some apples, please.

3. Quantifiers with count nouns

Some quantifiers can be used only with count nouns:

many- each- either- (a) few – several- both- neither- fewer

4. Quantifiers with uncount nouns

Much- a little- a bit of

examples:

Would you like a little juice?

Could I have a bit of butter, please?