

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).

Quantifier: much, many, some, any, a few, a little, a lot of, lots of.



1. Many and Much

Form:

many + Countable Plural Noun

Mainly in Questions & Negatives

much + Uncountable Noun

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)



2. Some and any

Form:

Some + plural noun/uncountable noun.

- Some is used in positive sentences
- Some is used in questions that are requests or offers

Any + plural noun/uncountable noun.

- 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 some coffee?
5. Would you like some fresh water? (+)
6. Does she have any books?



3. A few and a little

Form

a few + Plural noun

A few is used in Positives, Negatives and Questions.

a little + Uncountable noun

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?



4. A lot/lots of Form



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.

QUANTIFIERS



Exercise Practice

Instruction 1: *Choose the correct answer.*

1. There aren't _ _ _ _ car parks in the centre of Oxford.
a) much b) many
2. Eating out is expensive here. There aren't _ _ _ _ cheap restaurants.
a) any b) some
3. Liverpool has _ _ _ _ of great nightclubs.
a) a lot b) many
4. Hurry up! We only have _ _ _ _ time before the coach leaves.
a) a few b) a little
5. We saw _ _ _ _ beautiful scenery when we went to Austria.
a) a little of b) some
6. There are _ _ _ _ shops near the university.
a) a few b) any
7. It's very quiet. There aren't _ _ _ _ people here today.
a) much b) many
8. There are _ _ _ _ expensive new flats next to the river.

a) some b) a little

9. I have _ _ _ _ good idea.

a) some b) any

10. We don't have _ _ _ _ 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.

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

1. How children do you and Tony have?

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

3. We only have carrots. We should go and buy some more.
4. "Do we need some mushrooms?" "No, we have . Look, three bags!"
5. There was an explosion at the factory and people were injured. We don't know how many yet.
6. When you make the pie, put wine in too. But not too much! It makes it really tasty.
7. I don't need advice from you. You don't understand the problem!
8. "Do you like this program?" "Not . You can change the channel if you want."
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?