

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.



Many and Much Form:

many + Countable Plural Noun

much + Uncountable Noun

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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 <u>much water</u>. (much + uncountable noun in negative form)
- 4- How much water is there? (much + uncountable noun in question form)





2. <u>Some and any</u> Form:

Some + plural noun/uncountable noun.

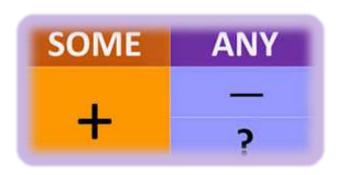
- > Some is used in positive sentences
- Some is used in questions that are requests or offers

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 <u>some fresh</u> water? (+)
- **6.** Does she have <u>any books</u>?





3. <u>A few and a little</u> Form

<u>a few + Plural noun</u>	a little + Uncountable noun
A few is used in Positives, Negatives and Questions.	A little is used in <i>Positives, Negatives and Questions</i> .

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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?







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 <u>a lot of friends</u>, but I have enough.







Exercise Practice

Instruction 1: Choose the correct answer.

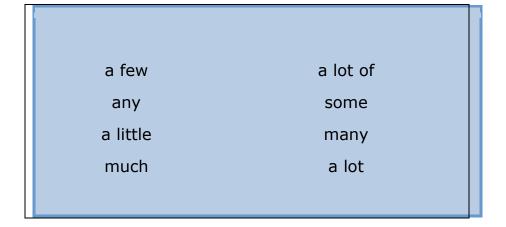
1. There a	ren't	car parks in the centre of Oxford.	
a) m	nuch	b) many	
2. Eating out is expensive here. There aren't cheap restaurants.			
a) a	ny	b) some	
3. Liverpo	ol has	_ of great nightclubs.	
a) a	lot	b) many	
4. Hurry up! We only have time before the coach leaves.			
a) a	few	b) a little	
5. 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) m	nuch	b) many	
8. There are expensive new flats next to the river.			





a) some	b) a little
9. I have go	od 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.



- 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 mushroo	oms?" "No, we have			
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, pu	t 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?			