**QUANTIFIERS WITH COUNT AND UNCOUNT NOUNS**

#### What are Quantifiers?

A quantifier is a word that usually goes before a noun to express the quantity of the object; for example, *a little milk.*Most quantifiers are followed by a noun, though it is also possible to use them without the noun when it is clear what we are referring to. For example,

*Do you want some milk? – Just a little.*(It’s clear that I mean ‘a little milk’.)

There are quantifiers to describe large quantities (*a lot, much, many)*, small quantities (*a little, a bit, a few)*and undefined quantities (*some, any).*

We can use these quantifiers with **both**[**count**](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference/count-nouns)**and [uncount](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference/uncount-nouns)**nouns:

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| *some* | *a lot of* |
| *any* | *lots of* |

*We have****lots of time****.  
Joe has****lots of friends****.  
I can't go out. I haven’t got****any money****.  
There was a lot of food but there weren’t****any drinks****.*

***Some***and***Any***

We normallyuse the quantifier***some***in **affirmative**sentences, and ***any*** in[**negative** and **interrogative**](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference/questions-and-negatives) sentences:

***Do****you have****any****children?****Did****you make****any****friends at the party?  
We****don't****have****any****children.  
I****didn't****make****any****friends.  
We saw****some****lions at the zoo, but we****didn't****see****any****tigers.*

But we usually use ***some*** for offers and requests:

*Would you like****some****tea?  
I want****some****apples, please.*

*Can I have* ***some*** *orange juice, please?*

**Quantifiers with count nouns**

Some quantifiers can be used **only with count nouns**:

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| *(not) many* | *(a) few* |

*There aren’t* ***many******students*** *in this class.*

*Due to the strike, I can see* ***few******cars*** *in the streets.*

**Quantifiers with uncount nouns**

Some quantifiers can be used**only with uncount nouns**:

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| *(not) much* | *(a) little* |

*Would you like****a little wine****?  
We don’t need*  ***much******butter*** *for this cake.*