

Nouns and adjectives

60 *much, many, a lot of*

We haven't got **much** time.
 Are there **many** restaurants in town?
 There are **a lot of** new students in the class.

- **much** – with uncountable nouns in questions and negative sentences.
- **many** – with plural countable nouns in questions and negative sentences.
- **a lot of** – with countable and uncountable nouns, usually in positive sentences but we do sometimes use **a lot of** in questions and negative sentences.

Notes

- To ask about quantity, we use:
How much + uncountable noun:
How much milk did you buy?
How many + plural countable noun:
How many students are there in the group?
- In short answers, we can use **much** or **many** without a noun:
Have you got any ... ?
Yes, but not much/many.
No, not much/many.

Practice

60 Complete the sentences using **much**, **many** or **a lot of**. Use **a lot of** in the positive sentences only.

- 1 Have you got *much* work to do?
- 2 We bought *a lot of* fruit but no vegetables.
- 3 There isn't information in this book.
- 4 How children have they got?
- 5 He's got problems at the moment.
- 6 We saw beautiful birds on the walk.
- 7 I don't know people here. Do you?
- 8 There were phone calls this morning.
- 9 We couldn't go out because I didn't have money with me.
- 10 There aren't tourists here this year.
- 11 I don't have breakfast before work but I drink tea.
- 12 Do you smoke cigarettes?
- 13 How money did you spend?
- 14 Are there going to be people at the party?
- 15 She's ill and she's not eating food.

61 *a few, a little*

There are **a few** letters on the desk for you, Mrs Andrews.
 I like **a little** milk in my tea, please.
 Have you got any potatoes? Yes, we've got **a few**.
 Do you have any homework to do? Yes, **a little**.

- **a few** + plural countable noun
- **a little** + uncountable noun

Note: In short answers, no noun is necessary after **a few** or **a little**:
 'Have you got any money?' 'Yes, I've got **a little**.'
 'Were there many people on the beach?' 'Yes, there were **a few**.'

Practice

61 Complete the sentences using **a few** or **a little**.

- 1 There are *a few* people coming to visit us tonight.
- 2 We've only got *a little* time to finish this work.
- 3 I took books with me to read on holiday.
- 4 Can I have just juice, please?
- 5 'Was there any food at the party?' 'Yes, there was
- 6 I only take sugar in my tea because I know sugar's bad for your teeth.
- 7 'Did you take any photographs at the wedding?' 'Yes, I took
- 8 I met friends for a meal in town last night.
- 9 'When you were in Africa, did you see any lions?' 'Yes, I saw
- 10 I'm not a vegetarian but I only eat meat.
- 11 flowers are starting to come up in the garden.
- 12 I'm not sure where we're going for our holidays but I've got ideas.
- 13 I bought new cassettes with my birthday money.
- 14 'Have you got any money with you?' 'I've got
- 15 'Is there any soap in the bathroom?' 'Yes, there's

62 some, any, much, many, a lot of, a few, a little**Plural countable nouns***Positive*

I've got	a few some a lot of	friends.
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Negative

I haven't got	any many (a lot of)	friends.
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Question

Have you got	any many (a lot of)	friends?
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Uncountable nouns*Positive*

I've got	a little some a lot of	money.
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Negative

I haven't got	any much (a lot of)	money.
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Question

Have you got	any much (a lot of)	money?
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Practice**62** Circle the correct word or words.

- I'm sorry but I haven't got much / many time.
- There are a few / a little grapes in the fridge.
- Have you got some / any butter?
- She's got a lot of / a little friends at school.
- 'Do you eat meat?' 'Yes, a few / a little.'

- 6 He made *a/some* lovely meal last night.
- 7 I met *some/any* friends of yours last night.
- 8 Do you write *much/many* letters?
- 9 We waited *a few/a little* minutes and then left.
- 10 How *much/many* paper do you want?
- 11 She speaks *a few/a little* Arabic.
- 12 I like fruit juice but I don't drink *some/much* milk.
- 13 'Have you got *some/any* spaghetti?' 'Yes, but not *much/many*.'
- 14 I don't have *much/many* homework to do tonight.

63 *mine, yours, hers, his, ours, theirs*: possessive pronouns

Is that my pen? No, I think it's **mine**.
 Whose car is this? It's **ours**.
 The red bike is **hers** and the blue one is **his**.

Possessive adjectives

my	your	her	his	its	our	their
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Possessive pronouns

mine	yours	hers	his	–	ours	theirs
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- A possessive adjective has a noun after it:
*Is that **your** dog?*
*This is **my** sister.*
- A possessive pronoun does not have a noun after it:
*I think this pen is **yours**.*
*'Whose coat is this?' 'It's **mine**.'*

Note: We do not use *its* as a possessive pronoun.

Practice

63a Rewrite the underlined words with a possessive pronoun.

- 1 Is that my newspaper?
Is that mine?
- 2 It isn't his car – it's her car.
It isn't his – it's hers.
- 3 This is a beautiful garden. It's a lot bigger than our garden.

4 I'm sorry I ate the chocolates. I didn't know they were your chocolates.

5 There's a cat at the window but I don't think it's your cat.

6 Can you give this key to Andrew and Melanie? It's their key.

7 She's picking up that bag but it's not her bag.

8 'Whose book is this?' 'It's my book.'

9 What a beautiful painting! Is it your painting?

10 Which room is his room?

63b Complete the sentences with the correct possessive pronouns or adjectives.

1 I quite like our house but yours is nicer. (we/you)

2 I don't like my new teacher at all. What's yours like? (I/you)

3 I can see children at the school gates but where are
.....? (you/I)

4 All friends came to the party and three sisters
were there too. (they/she)

5 'Is this money?' 'No, you put in bag.'
(I/you/you)

6 She enjoys job but he doesn't. He wants to change
..... . (she/he)

7 I want to change computer. I'd like to buy one like
..... . (I/you)

8 I'm afraid this car isn't My parents lend it to me sometimes
but it is (I/they)

9 television has a much better picture than
(you/we)

10 parents live nearby but live in Australia. (he/she)

64 's possessive:

This is her jacket. (possessive adjective)	→	'Whose is this?' 'It's hers .' (possessive pronoun)
BUT		
This is Helen's jacket	→	'Whose is this?' 'It's Helen's .'
This is my parents' flat.	→	'Whose flat is this?' 'It's my parents' .'

- We can use 's or s' with or without a noun.
- See Stage 1, exercise 7 on the possessive 's.

Practice

64 Complete the sentences using the correct possessives.

- 'Have you got *the doctor's* phone number?'
'No, I haven't but Justine has. It's in *her* address book.'
(the doctor/she)
- 'Is this *your* case?'
'No, it's *Liam's*. *My* case is upstairs.' (you/Liam/I)
- 'Did I leave glasses here?'
'No, I think they're in room.' (I/Emily)
- 'Is this office?'
'No, it's office is down there.' (Mr Dickinson/his secretary/he)
- 'Whose pen is this?'
'It's Where is? Haven't you got one?'
'Yes, but I'm looking for He can't find'
(I/you/Andrew/he)
- '..... sister is here today.'
'Is that car outside the flat?'
'No, that's ' (Jonathon/she/he)
- 'Where is the library?'
'It's downstairs, near the office.'
(students/director)
- 'Is this shopping?'
'No, it's ' (Jade/we)