

QUANTIFIERS & THEIR AGREEMENTS – LƯỢNG TỪ & SỰ HÒA HỢP

I. LƯỢNG TỪ (TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG)

Some/Any: một vài	Some + N → câu khẳng định, câu mời, đề nghị	I want to buy some new pencils. Would you like some tea?
	Any + N → câu phủ định, nghi vấn	There aren't any chairs in the room. Is there any water left in the fridge?
Many / Much: nhiều	Many + N(đếm được)	There aren't many people living here.
	Much + N(không đếm được)	He has spent so much money on video games that he stole his mother's wallet.
A number of/ An amount of/ A great deal of → nhiều, rất nhiều	A number of + N(đếm được)	He has a large number of English books.
	An amount of + N(không đếm được)	He borrows a great amount of money.
	A great deal of + N(không đếm được)	A great deal of effort has been made to finish this project.
Plenty of / A lot of/ lots of: rất nhiều	Plenty of/A lot of/lots of + N (đếm được/không đếm được)	There were plenty of berries. He has a lot of/lots of friends here.
Few/ a few: một vài	A few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	We've got a little bacon and a few eggs.
	Few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Few people can say that they always tell the truth.
Little/ a Little: một chút/ một ít	A little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	There is little sugar in my coffee.
	Little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Let's go and have a drink. We have got a little time before the train leaves.
Each/Every	Every: mỗi, mọi	I go for <i>a</i> walk every morning. <i>Everybody shuts!</i>
	Each: mỗi	Each day seems to pass very slowly.

I have **a few papers** to make crafts. → tích cực, đủ để dùng.

I have **few papers** to make crafts. → tiêu cực, không đủ để dùng.

A few > few

A little > little

I have **a little flour** left to make a cake.

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II. ĐỘNG TỪ SỬ DỤNG SAU TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG

a. **Số thập phân, phân số, sự đo lường → động từ số ít**

Three quarters of a ton is too much. - Ba phần tư tấn là quá nhiều.

2 meters and a half **is** not tall enough.

b. **danh từ số ít → động từ số ít**

No student has finished their assignment. - Không có học sinh nào hoàn thành bài tập.

c. **danh từ số nhiều → động từ số nhiều**

No people think alike. - Không có người nào nghĩ giống nhau.

d. **A number of + N → động từ số nhiều**

A number of countries **are** overproducing goods. – **Nhiều** nước đang sản xuất thừa hàng hóa.

→ **Many countries** **are**

→ A number of được hiểu là: “**nhiều**”

e. **The number of + N → động từ số ít**

The number of visitors increases rapidly. - **Lượng** du khách tăng nhanh chóng.

→ The number of được hiểu là: “**lượng, số lượng**”

Exercise 1: Choose a word from the table below to fill each blank. Some words may be used more than once.

Many	any	some	fewer	any
Little	a great deal of	a lot of	few	few

Question 1: The museum was very crowded. There were too _____ people.

Question 2: Eating out seems to be expensive in this sumptuous city. There aren't _____ cheap restaurants.

Question 3: She had _____ time to study than I did but had better results.

Question 4: In the developed world, there are hardly _____ jobs left which don't use computers to carry out many daily tasks.

Question 5: We only have _____ orange juice. We should go and buy some more.

Question 6: _____ my friends are living abroad now.

Question 7: There are _____ slices of cake left over from the party.

Question 8: She has spent _____ time in Europe to learn English and French with a view to finding a better job.

Question 9: It was embarrassing how _____ people attended the party.

Question 10: The weather is expected to remain clear for the next _____ days.

Exercise 2: Identify one word or phrase that must be changed in each sentence to be correct.

Question 1: How many sugar do you take in your coffee?

Mistake:

Question 2: I don't have some cash on me, so could I pay with by cheque?

Mistake:

Question 3: Can you give me any information about the buses in the city centre, please?

Mistake:

Question 4: Do you have some books in your bag?

Mistake:

Question 5: I do a lot of jobs at the same time. I can earn many money.

Mistake:

Question 6: More children start school at the age of five.

Mistake:

Question 7: We saw some lions at the zoo, but we didn't see some tigers.

Mistake:

Question 8: Much people do not care about their hygiene.

Mistake:

Question 9: Only a little employees knew how important the project was.

Mistake:

Question 10: It costs few money to give your children a good education.

Mistake:

Exercise 3: Choose the correct answer

1. _____ us think it's time for an election.

- A. Lots of B. Lot of C. Much D. Many

2. _____ cheese is made from cow's milk.

- A. Most B. Some C. Much D. More

3. _____ my friends live abroad.

- A. Many B. Some C. Much D. Most of

4. _____ us thought he was wrong.

- A. Most of B. Some of C. Much of D. Many a

5. Thank you for bringing me along. I never thought Shakespeare could be so _____ fun.

- A. many B. much C. few D. some

6. You should say _____ and do _____.

- A. many / few B. much / little C. few / many D. little / much

7. Very _____ people knew about it.

- A. few B. less C. much D. little

8. He is a man of _____ words.

- A. less B. little C. fewer D. few

9. _____ heard about the book, but _____ read it.

- A. Many / few B. Much / little C. Many / little D. Few / Fewer

10. "Do you know English?" "Just _____."

- A. much B. many C. little D. less
11. She has very _____ knowledge of the matter.
- A. few B. little C. some D. many
12. The forces were unequal, they were _____ we were _____
- A. many / few B. much / little C. few / much D. little / much
13. We have imported _____ computers this year than last year.
- A. few B. less C. fewer D. many
14. There has been _____ demand for computers this year than last year.
- A. few B. little C. fewer D. more
15. _____ in Shanghai than in any other city in China.
- A. More people live B. More people living
C. It has more people D. More living people
16. I've been to the theater _____ of times.
- A. much B. a little C. most of D. few
17. But _____ of the plays I've seen are modern.
- A. a few of B. a little C. most D. many
18. When I studied Shakespeare, I thought his plays were _____ boring.
- A. a great deal of B. few C. much D. many
19. _____ of Shakespeare's plays are about history.
- A. A few of B. Many C. Much D. A little
20. They spent _____ time studying Victorian literature.
- A. few B. many C. a large number of D. much
21. _____ popular expressions in our language have interesting background.
- A. Little B. Many C. A large number D. Much
22. At the beginning everybody spoke English very quickly and I couldn't understand _____.
But after _____ days, it is easier and _____ things I had learnt came back to me.
- A. much / a few / many B. a lot / little / a lot
C. much / much / a great number D. many / a few / many
23. Would you like _____ milk? Yes, please.

A. few B. any C. some D. much

24. How _____ money have you got in your pocket?

A. a lot of B. any C. many D. much

25. I could speak _____ words of Swedish, but I wasn't very fluent.

A. a few B. a little C. few D. little

26. Can you speak French? Just _____.

A. a few B. little C. few D. a little

27. Very _____ people were flying because of terrorist activities then.

A. few B. a little C. a few D. little

28. He spent _____ of his time on his holidays.

A. much B. many C. a lot of D. little