

Quantifiers of Food

a little, very little, less, not much,
A few, very few, fewer, not many,
too, too much, too many, enough

A / AN + singular countable nouns**A** + CONSONANT SOUNDThere is **a** bottle on the table.**AN** + VOWEL SOUNDThere is **an** apple on the table.**SOME / ANY + plural countable nouns & uncountable nouns****+** affirmative **SOME** There is **some** cheese in the fridge.**-** negative **ANY** There isn't **any** cheese in the fridge.**?** questions * **ANY** Is there **any** cheese in the fridge?

		Countable SINGULAR	Countable PLURAL	UNCOUNTABLE
+	affirmative	A / AN	SOME	SOME
-	negative	A / AN	ANY	ANY
?	questions *	A / AN	ANY	ANY
* EXCEPTIONS			Countable PLURAL	UNCOUNTABLE
?	questions 1. offer	Would you like some ... ?	SOME	SOME
?	questions 2. ask for	Can I ... some ... ?	SOME	SOME
?	questions 3. suggest	Why don't we ... some ... ?	SOME	SOME

- Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences. Use 'some' or 'any'.

1. I don't need any money because I'm going to bring my lunch to school.
2. He doesn't have _____ pens, but I have _____ pens.
3. Our teacher didn't give us _____ homework yesterday.
4. I'm tired. Do we have _____ time to take a nap?
5. A: Do they have _____ library cards? B: No, they don't have _____.
6. Paul wants to buy _____ new shoes.
7. Excuse me, I need _____ information about the flight to Boston.
8. I don't have _____ paper, but Mary has _____.
9. Mr. Smith has _____ questions that he wants to ask you.
10. They have _____ apples, but they don't have _____ bananas.
11. I'm sorry, but we don't have _____ more tickets.
12. Thomas read _____ interesting books last month.
13. I bought _____ milk and _____ sugar at the supermarket.
14. A: Do you have _____ coins for the bus? B: No, I have _____.
15. I need _____ help with my homework.

QUANTIFIERS: SOME/ANY

- Complete these sixteen sentences to score your knowledge of **SOME** and **ANY**.

1. I want to put ... sugar into my coffee.
a) some
b) any
c) a
2. ... people are waiting outside the movie theater.
a) Some
b) Any
c) A
3. There is ... white car next to the truck.
a) some
b) any
c) a
4. Are there ... supermarkets in your neighborhood?
a) some
b) any
c) a
5. There aren't ... supermarkets in my neighborhood.
a) some
b) any
c) a
6. I don't have ... tests on Monday, but I have ... test on Wednesday.
a) some / any
b) any / a
c) a / some
7. (A) Are there ... birds in the tree?
(B) No, there aren't
a) some / some
b) any / any
c) a / a
8. Thomas needs ... box of colored pencils to finish his picture.
a) some
b) any
c) a

QUANTIFIERS: SOME/ANY

- Complete these sixteen sentences to score your knowledge of **SOME** and **ANY**.

13. Do you have ... pets, like cats or dogs?

- a) some
- b) any
- c) a

14. Many programs on TV are quite boring, but ... programs are okay.

- a) some
- b) any
- c) a

15. I have ... really good friend. Her name is Cathy.

- a) some
- b) any
- c) a

16. Wait! We can't go shopping. We have to bring ... money with us.

- a) some
- b) any
- c) a

9. My sister went to a movie theater with ... friends.

- a) some
- b) any
- c) a

10. There are ... cookies on the table. Let's have

- a) some / some
- b) any / any
- c) a / a

11. I need ... minute to finish my work, and then I can leave.

- a) some
- b) any
- c) a

12. Stewart bought ... dozen eggs and ... tomatoes.

- a) some / a
- b) any / some
- c) a / some

MUCH - MANY A LOT OF - LOTS OF

= a large quantity of something

Much and **Many** are mainly used in **negative sentences** and **questions**. They are **not** common in affirmative sentences though still possible.

Much is used with **uncountable nouns**.

Many is used with **plural countable nouns**.

MUCH

+ UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- I don't have **much** time.
- He doesn't need **much** money.
- Does it use **much** electricity?

MANY

+ PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- There aren't **many** chairs in the room.
- I don't have **many** friends.
- Do you think **many** people will go?

With **affirmative sentences**, we prefer **a lot of** instead of **much/many**.

A lot of / lots of are **not** common in negative sentences or questions.

A lot of can be used with **countable nouns** and **uncountable nouns**.

a lot of = lots of

A LOT OF

+ UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- I need **a lot of** coffee.
(= I need **lots of** coffee.)
- There is **a lot of** traffic today.

A LOT OF

+ PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- She has **a lot of** friends.
(= She has **lots of** friends.)
- There are **a lot of** cars on the street.

QUANTIFIERS a lot of; many; much

- 1) Were there _____ guests at Rose's party?
- 2) There are _____ oaks in this park.
- 3) Do they spend _____ time playing football?
- 4) I don't take _____ sugar in my tea.
- 5) My grandma has got _____ hamsters.
- 6) Do they need _____ time to paint the room?
- 7) Sorry, I haven't _____ money for you.
- 8) Are there _____ things to buy?
- 9) There are _____ questions he can't answer.
- 10) Did you visit _____ countries?
- 11) I usually eat _____ vegetables.
- 12) There weren't _____ people at the bus stop.
- 13) Are there _____ calls for Mr. Jenkins? Yes, there are _____.
- 14) She knows _____ foreign people.
- 15) There were _____ tourists in Rome.
- 16) Are there _____ vegetarian dishes in the restaurant?
- 17) There is _____ sand here.
- 18) Did she write _____ letters?
- 19) I didn't buy _____ souvenirs because they were expensive.
- 20) Dad always read _____ newspapers.

FEW - LITTLE

A FEW - A LITTLE

= a small quantity; a small amount

FEW + Plural Countable Nouns	= not many; not enough; nearly no ...
A FEW + Plural Countable Nouns	= some; a small amount
LITTLE + Uncountable Nouns	= not much; not enough; nearly no ...
A LITTLE + Uncountable Nouns	= some; a small amount

FEW = NOT MANY

(FEW normally conveys a negative idea)

- He has **few** good friends.
(negative idea - not enough)
- **Few** people went to the concert.
- There are **few** honest politicians.

LITTLE = NOT MUCH

(LITTLE normally conveys a negative idea)

- There was **little** time to finish it.
(negative idea - nearly no time)
- He has **little** patience with others.
- They have **little** money to spend.

A FEW = SOME (a small amount)

(A FEW normally conveys a positive idea)

- He has **a few** friends that will help.
(positive idea - a small amount)
- I have **a few** days off next month.
- She has won **a few** awards.

A LITTLE = SOME (a small amount)

(A LITTLE normally conveys a positive idea)

- I have **a little** milk you can use.
(positive idea - a small amount)
- She has **a little** time to relax now.
- I have earned **a little** extra money.

Much/many, few/a few, little/a little

1. Fill in the gaps with **few/a few**.

1. There are _____ more things to do before I can have a rest.
2. Please, buy _____ bottles of milk in the supermarket.
3. Unfortunately, _____ children avoid eating fast food.
4. There are _____ questions in your test in which you've made mistakes. That's why your mark is high, so well done!
5. Kate sees her friends _____ times a week.

2. Fill in the gaps with **little/a little**.

1. My daughter sometimes borrows _____ money from me.
2. When you roast the chicken today, add _____ salt.
3. I've got _____ money on my bank card, so I'll pay in cash.
4. There is _____ snow on the outside sill.
5. There's too _____ water in my bottle, so you'd better buy some more.

3. Fill in the gaps with **few/a few/little/a little**.

1. Cook _____ porridge in that pot, please. I'd like something light for breakfast.
2. He worked hard on his painting, but very _____ critics liked it.
3. Most of the children have completed the task, but _____ of them are still working.
4. There isn't _____ useful information on this website.

4. Fill in the gaps with **many/much**.

1. There aren't _____ people in our group.
2. How _____ did you pay for your new flat?
3. _____ people would agree with you, but I think you're wrong.
4. We haven't got _____ books, have we?
5. You don't need to buy _____ violet paint. You can always mix red and blue to make violet.