

GRAMMAR

7.5

Quantifiers

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Is the underlined noun countable C or uncountable U in these sentences?

- The teacher gave us homework to do over the holidays. It's so unfair. U
- 1 It will take time to find the right pair of shoes for the wedding.
- 2 Our city has a major problem with traffic and the air pollution it causes.
- 3 Helen caught a very serious disease on holiday. Luckily, she's much better now.
- 4 Ian goes to the most expensive school in the city. His grades are not good though.
- 5 I love Thai food because it's hot, tasty and usually very healthy.
- 6 We don't get on with the people who live next door. They aren't very friendly.

2 ★ Choose the correct quantifiers to complete the dialogue between a researcher and Lynn.

- R: Excuse me, may I ask you a few quick questions about your experience in the shopping centre today?
L: Er ... will it take long?
R: No, not at all. Just ¹a few / a little minutes.
L: OK then.
R: Thank you. ²How much / How many shops did you visit today?
L: Oh, I'm not sure exactly. Certainly ³too much / too many. My feet hurt!
R: Oh dear. Poor you. I'll write more than 10 on the form then. ⁴How much / How many time did you spend in the food zone today?
L: Oh, ⁵very few / very little. I stopped for a cup of coffee, but only for ten minutes.
R: OK, thanks. Just one more question, if you don't mind. ⁶How much / How many money did you spend today?
L: Only ⁷a few / a little. Most of the time I was window shopping.

3 ★ ★ Use not much or not many to make the sentences negative.

- Frieda has a lot of friends.
Frieda doesn't have many friends.
- 1 Peter goes to a lot of parties.
Peter _____ parties.
- 2 Nick and Nancy watch a lot of news.
Nick and Nancy _____ news.
- 3 Jenny drinks a lot of juice.
Jenny _____ juice.
- 4 Edward and Eve write a lot of emails.
Edward and Eve _____ emails.
- 5 Francis eats a lot of fruit.
Francis _____ fruit.

4 ★ ★ Add a before little and few if necessary.

- There is a little milk left, so you don't have to have black coffee.
- 1 I have _____ little interest in shopping. I prefer playing football, to be honest.
- 2 Leah wasn't going to celebrate her birthday, but then _____ few friends organised a party for her.
- 3 There are _____ few shops in the village, so most people travel to the city to do their shopping.
- 4 With _____ little luck, we'll find a bargain in the sales.

5 ★ ★ ★ Choose the correct answers A-C.

- 1 I don't have _____ time. Can we be very quick in the shop?
A much B some C a little
- 2 Adam doesn't have _____ male friends that like shopping.
A some B many C much
- 3 On Fridays, Lauren always buys _____ chocolate on the way home from school.
A much B any C some
- 4 There are _____ snowboards to choose from. I don't know which one to buy.
A too much B too many C not much
- 5 _____ people do their shopping online these days.
A Lots of B A little C Any
- 6 Excuse me, do you have _____ blue T-shirts?
A a little B much C any
- 7 Jo has _____ birthday money left, but she hasn't decided what to spend it on yet.
A little B a little C a few
- 8 _____ of my friends actually buy CDs now. I think Lewis is the only one.
A Few B Little C A few

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

6 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. In one sentence you don't need to add a word. Use each word only once.

- We don't have many customers in the shop on Sundays.
- 1 How _____ time do we have before the shopping centre closes?
- 2 On our way back, we saw _____ ots of people queuing in front of the shopping centre.
- 3 There are definitely _____ many cars in the city centre on week days.
- 4 Excuse me, are there _____ black jeans in a size 32?
- 5 _____ people do their shopping in the local shops these days. Most of them prefer to go to supermarkets.
- 6 We bought _____ nice clothes in the winter sales.

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