

GRAMMAR

some/any, much/many, a lot of, a few / a little

1 Read the examples. Then complete the rules with **some** or **any**.

- 1 **Some** people drive cars.
- 2 The Uno doesn't use **any** petrol.
- 3 Have you got **any** ideas?

We use:

- a _____ before nouns in positive sentences.
- b _____ before nouns in negative sentences and in questions.

2 Complete the sentences with **some** or **any**.

- 1 Do you need _____ help with the rubbish?
- 2 I like _____ graffiti but not all of it.
- 3 There's _____ heavy traffic on the motorway.
- 4 Is there _____ information about bus times?
- 5 There isn't _____ electricity at the moment.
I think there's a power cut.
- 6 I've got _____ rubbish here. Where can I put it?

3 Read the examples. Then complete the rules with the **words**.

- 1 Beijing is like **a lot of** big cities around the world.
- 2 The city has **a lot of** traffic.
- 3 **A lot of** people ride scooters.
- 4 Scooters don't need **much** petrol.
- 5 When Ann was young, she only had **a few** toys.
- 6 **Many** people don't have access to electricity.
- 7 Ann's torch only produced **a little** light.

- a We use **many**, _____ and _____ to talk about large amounts.
- b We don't usually use **much** or **many** in positive sentences: *There is **much** a lot of time.*
- c We use _____ and _____ to talk about small amounts.
- d We don't use **a few** or **a little** in negative sentences: *He hasn't got **a little** **much** money.*

UNIT 6

SOME/ANY, MUCH/MANY, A LOT OF, A FEW / A LITTLE

some/any

- We use **some** and **any** with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns.
- We use **some** in positive sentences.
*We bought **some petrol** and **some sweets** at the garage.*
- We use **any** in questions and negative sentences.
*I haven't got **any homework** tonight.*
*Are there **any good clubs** near here?*
*Is there **any fruit** in the fridge?*
*They don't want **any salad**.*

much/many and a lot of

- We use these words to talk about large amounts.
- We use **a lot of** with plural countable nouns and with uncountable nouns, in positive and negative sentences and questions.
*I took **a lot of photos** last night.*
*There's **a lot of milk** in the fridge.*
*We haven't got **a lot of money** for clothes.*
- We often use **many** with plural countable nouns in questions and negatives.
*We haven't got **many photos** of our holiday.*
*Are **many people** coming to your party?*
- We often use **much** with uncountable nouns in negative sentences and questions.
*I haven't got **much time** to help you.*
*Is there **much traffic** on this road at night?*

a few / a little

- We use these words to talk about small amounts.
- We use **a few** and **a little** in positive sentences and questions. We don't use these words in negative sentences.
- We use **a few** with plural countable nouns.
*I invited **a few friends** to a barbecue on my birthday.*
*Do you want **a few grapes** with the cheese?*
- We use **a little** with uncountable nouns.
*I'd like **a little sugar** in my coffee, please.*
*Have you got **a little time** to spare?*

Practice

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Do you need
 - 2 Tom hasn't got
 - 3 I need
 - 4 Is there
 - 5 I had
 - 6 I didn't have
- a any time to phone me today.
b any news about the date of the exam?
c any time to work yesterday.
d any help?
e some good news yesterday.
f some more time.

2 Complete the sentences with *some* or *any*.

- 1 Don't make _____ noise near the exam room.
- 2 My brother had _____ problems with his phone, so he couldn't text me.
- 3 Did you have _____ help when you made that cake?
- 4 There isn't _____ rubbish in the bin.
- 5 There's _____ fruit in the cupboard if you want it.
- 6 Were there _____ children at the party?

3 Choose the correct words.

- 1 I didn't play *many* / *much* matches last season.
- 2 I haven't got *a little* / *much* paper, so I need to buy some soon.
- 3 My earphones aren't working, so I can't listen to *some* / *any* music on the bus.
- 4 We had *a little* / *a few* problems with the password but in the end we remembered it.
- 5 I've got *a lot of* / *much* cousins in Germany.
- 6 How *much* / *many* students are there at your school?
- 7 I found *some* / *much* information for my project online.
- 8 We haven't got *any* / *some* time for shopping today.
- 9 Did you spend *many* / *a lot of* time at the park?
- 10 There's *a little* / *a few* space left for your name at the bottom of the page.

4 Complete the sentences with *much*, *many*, *a few* or *a little*.

- 1 There isn't _____ traffic at this time in the morning, so it only takes _____ minutes to get to the centre.
- 2 I only have _____ money with me, so I can't buy _____ food.
- 3 Did you have _____ trouble finding the address you needed?
- 4 We've got _____ exercises to do for homework but they won't take _____ time.
- 5 I made _____ phone calls about the screen problems with your tablet but I didn't get _____ helpful answers.
- 6 Were there _____ cars on the road this morning?
- 7 We only had _____ time at the party but we still made _____ new friends.
- 8 'Have you got _____ sandwiches left?'
'Yes, there are _____.'
- 9 There are too _____ people in this room.
There isn't _____ space here.
- 10 We haven't got _____ time left, so we need to leave in _____ minutes.

4 Look at the underlined nouns in the examples in Exercise 3. Are they countable or uncountable?

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Countable	Uncountable

5 Complete the table with *a lot of*, *a little* and *much*.

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
There aren't many cities.	There isn't ¹ _____ water.
There are a lot of scooters.	There's ² _____ traffic.
There are a few people.	There's ³ _____ petrol.

6 Choose the correct words.



- A:** Do you like living in the country?
B: Mostly. There are *a few* / *a little* bad things. There isn't *many* / *much* entertainment.
- A:** I got *much* / *a lot of* tips from my aunt about visiting the UK.
B: My brother gave me *a little* / *a few* information about *a* / *some* good things to see in the UK.
- A:** Have you got *a few* / *some* minutes? I'm doing a questionnaire on pollution.
B: I'm sorry. I haven't got *much* / *many* time. Are there *many* / *much* questions?
- A:** Do you have *some* / *any* problems with crime?
B: There's *a little* / *a few* graffiti, but not really.

7 Think about your perfect place to live and complete the sentences. Compare your ideas.

- My perfect place to live has got *a lot of* / *a few* ...
- There are *some* / *a lot of* ...
- There aren't *any* / *a lot of* ...
- It hasn't got *much* / *many* ...
- There's only *a little* ...

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1 Complete the sentences with *some* or *any*.

- She received _____ beautiful flowers in hospital.
- I haven't got _____ money.
- You don't have to pay for _____ of the buses – they're all free!
- There are _____ places I really don't want to visit.

2 Complete the sentences with *much* or *many*.

- I haven't got _____ time – what do you want?
- Felix didn't buy _____ biscuits.
- Did that phone cost _____?
- It's my first day – I don't know _____ people.

3 Complete the sentences with *a little* or *a few*.

- Help yourself to _____ pieces of paper.
- There's _____ cake left – would you like it?
- I just want _____ information about the town, please.
- Wait here – there are _____ things I need to get from the shop.

4 Choose the correct option.

- Our capital city has _____ pollution.
a a lot of **b** many **c** a few
- There are _____ really beautiful green spaces in Vancouver.
a any **b** much **c** some
- Jessie never has _____ money. It's really annoying.
a many **b** a little **c** any
- There are _____ interesting things to do in this town.
a any **b** many **c** much
- There are _____ people here who don't put their rubbish in the bin.
a a few **b** little **c** any
- There isn't _____ we can do now – just wait for the power cut to end!
a many **b** a little **c** much
- I can speak _____ German.
a a few **b** a little **c** much
- Pablo moved to my school last week and he doesn't have _____ friends yet.
a many **b** much **c** some
- Would you like _____ coffee?
a a few **b** some **c** much
- I'm nearly out of the traffic jam – I'll be home in _____ minutes.
a a little **b** any **c** a few

5 Read the text and choose the correct word.

The Whitsunday Islands are a group of islands in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef. ¹Many / Much of them don't have ²any / some facilities, so you can't stay there, but there are ³some / a little that have ⁴a few / a little hotels. ⁵Much / A lot of Australians like to spend their holidays on these islands because they are beautiful. If you need to relax, they are perfect because there isn't ⁶much / many to do except swim in the beautiful blue sea. So all you need is ⁷a few / a little time to book your next holiday in paradise!

6 Look at the picture and choose the correct options to complete the text.



It's Cycle Day in Newtown and there are ¹any / many / much bicycles for hire. Today's the day to go for a bike ride, so there aren't ²any / many / some people walking, and although we can see ³a few / a little / much tables at the café, they are empty. We can see ⁴a little / a lot of / much flags in the picture. There's a wall with ⁵any / many / some graffiti on it but not ⁶many / much / some. There aren't ⁷any / a few / a lot of animals in the picture.

7 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a On my first day at a new school, I didn't have friends.
b On my first day at a new school, I didn't have any friends.
- 2 a I went to the beach and I had a lot of fun.
b I went to the beach and I had much fun.
- 3 a We can have lunch in a tent near the lake.
b We can have lunch in some tent near the lake.
- 4 a Few hours later, they had to go back.
b A few hours later, they had to go back.
- 5 a We do a lot of things together.
b We do alot of things together.