

## HOW MUCH / HOW MANY, MUCH / MANY / A LOT, A FEW / A LITTLE

1- Read and listen to the dialogue. What does Jim want to make? What ingredients does he need? (Audio 2.23)



Sophie What are you doing, Jim?  
Jim I'm looking for ingredients. How much flour have we got? How many carrots are there?  
Sophie There's a little flour in the cupboard, and there are a few carrots in the fridge.  
Jim Good. ... Oh, dear. There isn't much sugar in the bowl. And we haven't got many eggs.  
Sophie What do you need them for?  
Jim I want to make a carrot cake.  
Sophie But you can't cook!  
Jim Yes, I can. That isn't very nice!  
Sophie Sorry. Look, there's a lot of sugar in the cupboard. And three eggs are enough.  
Jim Great ... Oh, hang on. There's only one carrot in the fridge. Can I use a pepper instead?  
Sophie I really don't think so!

2- Read the LEARN THIS! Box. Write the examples of **how much**, **how many**, **much**, **many** and **a lot** in the dialogue.

### LEARN THIS! *how much / how many, much / many / a lot of*

- a We use *how much* ... ? with uncountable nouns.  
How much rice is there?
- b We use *how many* ... ? with countable nouns.  
How many onions have we got?
- c We usually use *a lot of* in affirmative sentences.  
There's a lot of butter. There are a lot of bananas.
- d We use *a lot of*, *much* and *many* in negative sentences.  
There's isn't much butter. / There's isn't a lot of butter.  
There aren't many bananas. / There aren't a lot of bananas.

**3- Complete the questions with *How much* and *How many*.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ students are there in class today?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ time do you spend on homework every day?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ money do you spend every week?
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ DVDs have you got?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ housework do you do every week?

**4- SPEAKING. Answer the questions in exercise 3**

**5- Circle the correct answers. Sometimes two answers are possible**

- 1 We've got **much / many / a lot of** bread.
- 2 There aren't **much / many / a lot of** books in my bag.
- 3 I've got **much / many / a lot of** friends.
- 4 There isn't **much / many / a lot of** milk in the fridge.
- 5 I haven't got **much / many / a lot of** homework this week.
- 6 I need **much / many / a lot of** help with this exercise.

**6- Read the **LEARN THIS!** Box. Find an example of *a little* and an example of *a few* in the dialogue in exercise 1.**

**LEARN THIS! *a little* and *a few***

**a** We use *a little* with uncountable nouns.

We've got *a little* butter.

**b** We use *a few* with countable nouns.

There are *a few* onions.

**7- Complete the sentences with *a little* or *a few***

- 1 There's \_\_\_\_\_ time before the end of the lesson.
- 2 I've got \_\_\_\_\_ posters in my bedroom.
- 3 There are \_\_\_\_\_ students in the gym.
- 4 'Would you like some pizza?' 'Just \_\_\_\_\_, please.'
- 5 We need \_\_\_\_\_ prawns for this recipe.

**8- Write six sentences about the picture. Use *a lot of*, *a few*, *a little*, *not much* and *not many***

There aren't many ... There's a little ...

There are a lot of ... There are a few ...



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