

How much / how many, much/many / a lot of, a few / a little



1) Read and listen to the dialogue. What does Jim want to make? What ingredients does he need?
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- 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. Underline the examples of how much, how many, much, many and a lot of 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*.

- _____ students are there in class today?
- _____ time do you spend on homework every day?
- _____ money do you spend every week?
- _____ DVDs have you got?
- _____ housework do you do every week?

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, three true and three false. 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....



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



Homework

1 Complete the sentences with *Much* or *Many*.

- 1 There aren't _____ pens in my pencil case.
- 2 He hasn't got _____ rice.
- 3 They haven't got _____ bananas.
- 4 There isn't _____ water in the bottle.
- 5 We haven't got _____ sugar.
- 6 There aren't _____ books on the shelf.

2 Complete the dialogue. Choose *How much* or *How many*

- Francis Let's have some lunch. Do you want a sandwich?
- Melanie Yes, OK. But *how much / how many* bread is there?
- Francis There's a lot.
- Melanie Good. We need some butter too. *How much / how many* butter have we got? Look in the fridge.
- Francis There's a lot of butter too.
- Melanie I'd like a tomato sandwich. *How much / how many* tomatoes are there?
- Francis There aren't any tomatoes.
- Melanie Oh. What about eggs? *How much / how many* eggs are there?
- Francis Six.
- Melanie Let's have egg sandwiches, then.

3 Complete the questions with *how much* and *how many*, and *is there* and *are there*.

1 *How many* crisps are there?

- 2 _____ cheese _____?
- 3 _____ grapes _____?
- 4 _____ sandwiches _____?
- 5 _____ lettuce _____?
- 6 _____ olives _____?
- 7 _____ chicken _____?
- 8 _____ strawberries _____?

4 Look at the picture. What's left after the party?

Answer the questions in exercise 3. Use *There isn't much.* / *There are a lot.* / *There aren't many.*

1 *There are a lot.*

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____



5 Complete the sentences. Use *a little* or *a few*.

1 We've got _____ carrots in the fridge.

2 There's only _____ milk.

3 Can I have _____ sugar, please?

4 There are _____ apples on the table.

5 'Would you like some pasta?' 'Just _____

I'm not very hungry.'

6 I often go out with _____ friends at the weekend

7 I sometimes have _____ sugar in my coffee.

8 We usually buy _____ newspapers at the weekend.

9 I've only got _____ times before I have to go to school.

10 We need _____ tomatoes and _____ cheese to make the pizzas.