

## EXERCISE 3 MORE QUANTIFIERS

**GRAMMAR NOTES 2-7** Diego and Alicia Marquez are trying to save money for their college tuition. They are examining their budget. Complete their conversation with quantifiers from the box, using each expression once.

\$50	a few	any	both of	few	more	one of
a couple	<del>a lot of</del>	as many	every	less	much	some

ALICIA: Diego, we're still spending a lot of <sup>1.</sup> money on things we don't really need.

After I pay the bills this month, we're going to have even                      <sup>2.</sup> cash left over than we did last month. We've got to save for next semester's tuition, remember? We're not saving enough money. If we don't start saving                      <sup>3.</sup>, one of us is going to have to take the semester off.

DIEGO: OK, but what have we bought that we don't need?

ALICIA: That exercise machine, for one thing. We've only used it                      <sup>4.</sup> times. We could get a year's membership at the gym for what it cost and still have something left over.

DIEGO: You mean                      <sup>5.</sup> us could get a membership, don't you?

ALICIA: No,                      <sup>6.</sup> us could. That's what I'm saying. The machine cost \$600, and memberships are \$250 each. How about selling the thing and going to the gym?

DIEGO: Hmm. Maybe you're right. What else?

ALICIA: Well, we're spending about                      <sup>7.</sup> extra a month on those premium cable channels. We wouldn't have                      <sup>8.</sup> channels to choose from if we went back to the basic coverage, but we don't watch very                      <sup>9.</sup> TV anyway. We're always studying.

DIEGO: Yeah, you're right. . . . And you know, I'd say we could get rid of the land line. We've used it very                      <sup>10.</sup> times in recent months, and it's expensive. We wouldn't have                      <sup>11.</sup> telemarketing calls, either, because telemarketers don't call cell phone numbers.

ALICIA: OK. Let's cancel it, then. And here's one more suggestion. We should start taking a sack lunch to the college                      <sup>12.</sup> of times a week instead of eating out at noon. If we did these four things, we'd have                      <sup>13.</sup> money left                      <sup>14.</sup> month, and we could use it to pay next semester's bills.

DIEGO: Oh no! Not my lunches with the guys! Lunchtime is when I get to see them.

ALICIA: Invite them over to study and then have dinner afterwards.