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Quantifiers

many, much, a lot of, a few, a little
How much?, How many?



We use **quantifiers** to describe amounts.

We use **many** with plural countable nouns and **much** with uncountable nouns.

I've got **many** cousins. There isn't **much** milk.

We use **many** and **much** in questions.

Are there **many** houses in your street? Is there **much** money in your bag?

We use **not many** and **not much** in negative sentences to talk about a small amount.

There **aren't many** cherries in the bowl. There **isn't much** butter on my bread.

1 Write **much** or **many**.

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| 1 There isn't much cheese in my sandwich. | 6 Are there shops in your street? |
| 2 You haven't got T-shirts. | 7 They haven't got luggage. |
| 3 I don't eat chocolate. | 8 Is there juice in the fridge? |
| 4 There aren't children in the park. | 9 He's got friends. |
| 5 We don't read books. | 10 There isn't rice on my plate. |

We use **a lot of** with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns to talk about a large amount.

I've got **a lot of** homework.

We use **a lot of** in affirmative and negative statements and questions.

There are **a lot of** apples on the table. There aren't **a lot of** sweets in the bag.

Is there **a lot of** milk in the fridge?

We use **a few** with plural countable nouns to talk about a small amount.

There are **a few** cherries in the fridge.

We use **a little** with uncountable nouns to talk about a small amount.

There is **a little** juice in the glass.



2 Write **a lot of**, **a little** or **a few**.



We haven't got much food in the kitchen. We've only got (1) **a few** peas and only (2) meat. There is (3) juice in the fridge and there are (4) tomatoes. But that isn't enough for two people. We haven't got any bread. But there are (5) potatoes. We've got twenty! There is (6) milk too – three bottles! So what can we make for dinner?

3 Tick (✓), or cross (X). Correct the wrong sentences.

- 1 We haven't got many money.
- 2 There are a lot of pens in my bag.
- 3 Is there much milk in the fridge?
- 4 We've got a few sugar.
- 5 Are there much flowers in your garden?
- 6 Can I have a little strawberries, please?
- 7 Have you got much spaghetti?
- 8 I've got a little friends.
- 9 Have you got many luggage?
- 10 There aren't a lot of seats on the train.

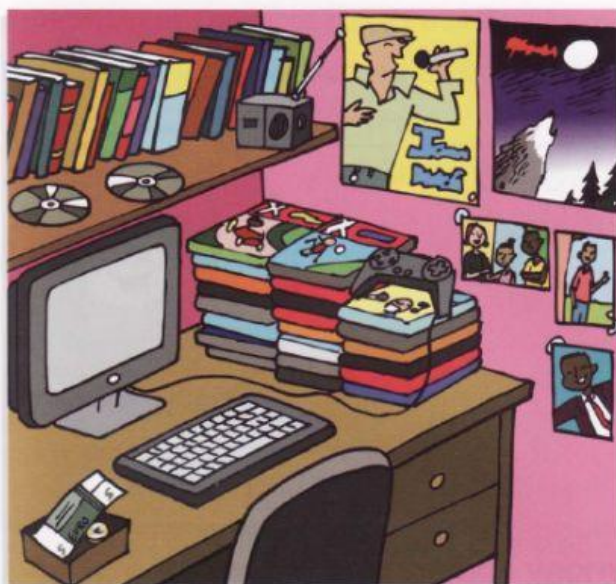


We haven't got much money.



4 Look, choose and write.

many (x3) much little a lot few lot of



This is my bedroom. There aren't (1) many posters on the walls in my room but there are a (2) lot of photos of my friends. There's a box on my desk with a (3) lot of money in it. There's a computer on my desk, too. I've got (4) a lot of computer games. I've got a radio but it isn't good so I don't listen to (5) much music. I haven't got (6) many CDs but I've got a (7) lot of books on my shelf. They're great! Have you got (8) a lot of books?



5 What about you? Circle and answer.

- 1 Are there much / many posters on your wall?
- 2 Are there a lot of / lot of photos in your room?
- 3 Is there many / much money in your room?
- 4 Have you got a lot of / much computer games?
- 5 Have you got many / much CDs?
- 6 Have you got a lot / a lot of books?

Yes, there are./No, there aren't.

6 Write the questions and answers.



1 milk

Is there much milk?

No, there isn't.

2 cabbages

Are there many cabbages?

No, there aren't.

3 chocolate

4 biscuits

5 bread

6 tomatoes

7 meat

8 chips

We use **How many** and **How much** to ask about numbers and amounts.

We use **How many** with plural countable nouns.

How **many** books have you got?

We use **How much** with uncountable nouns.

How **much** milk is there?

We also use **How much** to ask about prices.

How **much** is this T-shirt? It's €10.



7 Look at Exercise 6. Write **How much** or **How many** and answer.

1 **How many** cabbages are there?

There are two cabbages.

2 **How much** chocolate is there?

There is a lot of chocolate.

3 meat is there?

4 biscuits are there?

5 chips are there?

6 milk is there?

7 tomatoes are there?

8 bread is there?

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8 Circle.

- Tom:** Let's make a cake for my Mum's birthday.
Jake: Good idea. How (1) much / many flour have we got?
Tom: We've got a (2) lot / lot of flour but we've only got a (3) little / few sugar.
Jake: Oh dear. Have we got a (4) few / little eggs?
Tom: We've got two eggs. How (5) much / many eggs do we need?
Jake: We need four. Is there a (6) lot of / few butter in the fridge?
Tom: There isn't (7) much / many butter but there is (8) many / a lot of milk.
Jake: OK. Have you got (9) a lot of / a few money?
Tom: Yes, I have.
Jake: Good. Let's go to the supermarket. We need (10) many / much things!



9 Write and match.

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| 1 Have they got <u>much</u> luggage? | a No, there isn't. |
| 2 How are the tickets? | b No, thank you. |
| 3 How potatoes do you want? | c Two please. |
| 4 Is there a of juice in the fridge? | d Yes, they have. |
| 5 Would you like a water? | e Five euros each. |
| 6 Have you got a games? | f Yes, I have. |

10 Choose and write.

few ~~lot~~ many much little of

Dear Paul,

My new house is great. There are a (1) lot of rooms in the house. My favourite room is my bedroom.

My new house is near a beach. There isn't (2) sand on the beach but it's very pretty. It's very quiet, too. There are never (3) people there. I go to the beach every day. I take a (4) food and some water and I have a picnic. I don't know a lot (5) people here but I'm slowly making a (6) new friends. I'm very happy.

Write soon!

John