

QUANTIFIERS & THEIR AGREEMENTS – LƯỢNG TỪ & SỰ HÒA HỢP

I. LƯỢNG TỪ (TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG)

Some/Any: một vài	Some + N → câu khẳng định, câu mời, đề nghị	I want to buy some new pencils. Would you like some tea?
	Any + N → câu phủ định, nghi vấn	There aren't any chairs in the room. Is there any water left in the fridge?
Many / Much: nhiều	Many + N (đếm được)	There aren't many people living here.
	Much + N (không đếm được)	He has spent so much money on video games that he stole his mother's wallet.
A number of/ An amount of/ A great deal of → nhiều, rất nhiều	A number of + N (đếm được)	He has a large number of English books.
	An amount of + N (không đếm được)	He borrows a great amount of money.
	A great deal of + N (không đếm được)	A great deal of effort has been made to finish this project.
	Plenty of / A lot of/ lots of: rất nhiều	Plenty of / A lot of / lots of + N (đếm được/không đếm được) There were plenty of berries. He has a lot of / lots of friends here.
Few/ a few: một vài	A few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	We've got a little bacon and a few eggs.
	Few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Few people can say that they always tell the truth.
Little/ a Little: một chút/ một ít	A little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	There is little sugar in my coffee.
	Little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Let's go and have a drink. We have got a little time before the train leaves.
Each/Every	Every: mỗi, mọi	I go for a walk every morning. <i>Everybody shuts!</i>
	Each: mỗi	Each day seems to pass very slowly.

I have **a few** papers to make crafts. → tích cực, đủ để dùng.

I have **few** papers to make crafts. → tiêu cực, không đủ để dùng.

A few > few

A little > little

I have **a little** flour left to make a cake.

I have **little** flour left to make a cake.

II. ĐỘNG TỪ SỬ DỤNG SAU TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG

a. Số thập phân, phân số, sự đo lường → động từ số ít

Three quarters of a ton is too much. - Ba phần tư tấn là quá nhiều.

2 meters and a half **is** not tall enough.

b. danh từ số ít → động từ số ít

No student has finished their assignment. - Không có học sinh nào hoàn thành bài tập.

c. danh từ số nhiều → động từ số nhiều

No people think alike. - Không có người nào nghĩ giống nhau.

d. A number of + N → động từ số nhiều

A number of countries are overproducing goods. – Nhiều nước đang sản xuất thừa hàng hóa.

→ **Many countries** are

→ A number of được hiểu là: “**nhiều**”

e. The number of + N → động từ số ít

The **number of** visitors increases rapidly. - **Lượng** du khách tăng nhanh chóng.

→ The number of được hiểu là: “**lượng, số lượng**”

Exercise 1: Choose a word from the table below to fill each blank. Some words may be used more than once.

Many	any	some	fewer	any
Little	a great deal of	a lot of	few	few

Question 1: The museum was very crowded. There were too _____ people.

Question 2: Eating out seems to be expensive in this sumptuous city. There aren't _____ cheap restaurants.

Question 3: She had _____ time to study than I did but had better results.

Question 4: In the developed world, there are hardly _____ jobs left which don't use computers to carry out many daily tasks.

Question 5: We only have _____ orange juice. We should go and buy some more.

Question 6: _____ my friends are living abroad now.

Question 7: There are _____ slices of cake left over from the party.

Question 8: She has spent _____ time in Europe to learn English and French with a view to finding a better job.

Question 9: It was embarrassing how _____ people attended the party.

Question 10: The weather is expected to remain clear for the next _____ days.

Exercise 2: Identify one word or phrase that must be changed in each sentence to be correct.

Question 1: How many sugar do you take in your coffee?

Mistake:

Question 2: I don't have some cash on me, so could I pay with by cheque?

Mistake:

Question 3: Can you give me any information about the buses in the city centre, please?

Mistake:

Question 4: Do you have some books in your bag?

Mistake:

Question 5: I do a lot of jobs at the same time. I can earn many money.

Mistake:

Question 6: More children start school at the age of five.

Mistake:

Question 7: We saw some lions at the zoo, but we didn't see some tigers.

Mistake:

Question 8: Much people do not care about their hygiene.

Mistake:

Question 9: Only a little employees knew how important the project was.

Mistake:

Question 10: It costs few money to give your children a good education.

Mistake:

Exercise 3: Choose the correct answer

1. _____ us think it's time for an election.

A. Lots of B. Lot of C. Much D. Many

2. _____ cheese is made from cow's milk.

A. Most B. Some C. Much D. More

3. _____ my friends live abroad.

A. Many B. Some C. Much D. Most of

4. _____ us thought he was wrong.

A. Most of B. Some of C. Much of D. Many a

5. Thank you for bringing me along. I never thought Shakespeare could be so _____ fun.

A. many B. much C. few D. some

6. You should say _____ and do _____.

A. many / few B. much / little C. few / many D. little / much

7. Very _____ people knew about it.

A. few B. less C. much D. little

8. He is a man of _____ words.

A. less B. little C. fewer D. few

9. _____ heard about the book, but _____ read it.

A. Many / few B. Much / little C. Many / little D. Few / Fewer

10. "Do you know English?" "Just _____."

A. much B. many C. little D. less

11. She has very _____ knowledge of the matter.

A. few B. little C. some D. many

12. The forces were unequal, they were _____ we were _____

A. many / few B. much / little C. few / much D. little / much

13. We have imported _____ computers this year than last year.

A. few B. less C. fewer D. many

14. There has been _____ demand for computers this year than last year.

A. few B. little C. fewer D. more

15. _____ in Shanghai than in any other city in China.

A. More people live B. More people living

C. It has more people D. More living people

16. I've been to the theater _____ of times.

A. much B. a little C. most of D. few

17. But _____ of the plays I've seen are modern.

A. a few of B. a little C. most D. many

18. When I studied Shakespeare, I thought his plays were _____ boring.

A. a great deal of B. few C. much D. many

19. _____ of Shakespeare's plays are about history.

A. A few of B. Many C. Much D. A little

20. They spent _____ time studying Victorian literature.

A. few B. many C. a large number of D. much

21. _____ popular expressions in our language have interesting background.

A. Little B. Many C. A large number D. Much

22. At the beginning everybody spoke English very quickly and I couldn't understand _____.

But after _____ days, it is easier and _____ things I had learnt came back to me.

A. much / a few / many B. a lot / little / a lot

C. much / much / a great number D. many / a few / many

23. Would you like _____ milk? Yes, please.

A. few B. any C. some D. much

24. How _____ money have you got in your pocket?

A. a lot of B. any C. many D. much

25. I could speak _____ words of Swedish, but I wasn't very fluent.

A. a few B. a little C. few D. little

26. Can you speak French? Just _____.

A. a few B. little C. few D. a little

27. Very _____ people were flying because of terrorist activities then.

A. few B. a little C. a few D. little

28. He spent _____ of his time on his holidays.

A. much B. many C. a lot of D. little