5 GRAMMAR 1 | Quantifiers with countable and uncountable nouns

Grammar in context

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentence. Then find them in the short messages on page 49 and check your answers.

1 *Lots / Lot of books for kids.*
2 *Here are **a little / a few** photos I took.*
3 *I've got **some / much** ideas for our history project.*
4 *Do you have **many / any** free time …?*

REMEMBER

We use quantifiers to talk about quantities and amounts.

- We use *some* with countable and uncountable nouns, in positive sentences:
  *I have **some** photos from the trip.*
- We use *any* with countable and uncountable nouns, in negative sentences and questions:
  *There is**n't any** information on this site. Are there **any** apps you use every day?*
- We use *(not) much* with uncountable nouns and *(not) many* with countable nouns, in negative sentences and questions:
  *I don**'t** listen to **much** music online.*
  *Are there **many** landlines in your country?*
- We use *a lot of / lots of* to talk about a large quantity:
  *I have **a lot of** apps on my phone.*
- We also use *a few* or *a little* to talk about a small number or quantity:
  *We have **a few** computers in our classroom. (= not many)*
  *She has **a little** free time later. (= not much)*

▶ See Grammar reference, Unit 5, page 148

1 Choose the correct words to complete each sentence.

1 I think I need **much / a little** help with my IT project.
2 I downloaded **a lot of / many** songs. I don't have time to listen to them all!
3 A **lot / few** people in my class don't write emails.
4 Do you need **any / many** help downloading the information?
5 There are **a little / a lot of** people here today.
6 I don't know how to use this app, and there's not **a few / much** information about it online.
7 **Some / A little** people prefer to stream movies, I prefer to download them.
8 **A few / Much** people in my class are into blogging but I don't like to post personal information online.
9 I don't make **a lot / many** phone calls, I prefer to text my friends.
10 I can't find **any / some** information online for my history project!

2 Complete the text about a school project. Choose the best answer (A, B or C).



(**1**) ____ of teachers think that speaking to students in different countries is important, so (**2**) ____ young people have pen friends in other countries. It's a great way to learn about how other people live. Our teacher wanted our class to speak online to children in Ghana. (**3**) ____ of students said 'yes' to the idea. We don't know (**4**) ____ children in Africa, so it's very interesting.

Now we regularly speak to students in Ghana online. Once every two weeks, we turn on the screen in our classroom and have a video chat with a school in Accra.

At first, it was a bit difficult because (**5**) ____ students were speaking at the same time. But after (**6**) ____ conversations, we decided to write down (**7**) ____ questions in class before chatting. Now different students ask (**8**) ____ questions every week and everyone can hear them. It's interesting talking to our friends in Accra, and it's (**9**) ____ fun too.

1	**A** Many	**B** Lots	**C** Little
2	**A** some	**B** few	**C** any
3	**A** Lot	**B** A lot	**C** A little
4	**A** much	**B** many	**C** few
5	**A** much	**B** few	**C** a lot of
6	**A** a little	**B** a lot	**C** a few
7	**A** few	**B** some	**C** much
8	**A** a little	**B** lot	**C** a few
9	**A** a lot of	**B** a little	**C** many

3 Use the words in the box to write six sentences about modern technology. Use a quantifier in every sentence.

emails | mobile phone | music | photos
social networking | video games

Example: *I don't send many emails.*

▶ **Workbook Unit 5:** Grammar 1, pages 38, exercises 1, 2

LIVEWORKSHEETS