

Extra-practice

Quantifiers: *some, any, much, many, (a) few, (a) little, a lot of, lots of.*

Much, many

- We use *much*, *many*, *a lot (of)* to talk about big quantities.
- We often use *much* in negative sentences and questions, with uncountable nouns.
I haven't got much time.
Have you got much water?
- We often use *many* in negative sentences and questions, with plural, countable nouns.
I haven't got many books.
Have you got many books?

A lot of

We use *a lot of* in affirmative and negative sentences and in questions, with countable and uncountable nouns.

I've got/I haven't got a lot of time/books.

Have you got a lot of time/ books?

We use *of* when *a lot* comes before a noun. But when there is no noun after *a lot* we do not use *of*.

Have you got any water? Yes, I've got a lot.

Are there any dictionaries? Yes, there are a lot.

A lot of and *lots of* are the same.

I've got a lot of time. = I've got lots of time.

some and any

We use *some* with uncountable nouns and with plural, countable nouns, in affirmative sentences.

I've got some books. We've got some free time.

We use *any* with uncountable nouns and with plural countable nouns, in negative sentences and questions.

I haven't got any money.

He hasn't got any friends.

Have you got any free time?

Are there any books?

(a) few, (a) little,

We use *a few* and *a little* to talk about small quantities.

We use *a few* with plural, countable nouns.

There are only a few problems.

We use *a little* with uncountable nouns.

We've only got a little time.

The article changes the meaning

- I've got **a few** t-shirts (some)
- I've got **few** t-shirts (not many)
- There's **a little** cola (some)
- There's **little** cola (not much)

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEW / A FEW, LITTLE / A LITTLE.

 Liz has got a few apples. She can make an apple pie.	 Mary has got (very) few apples. She can't make an apple pie.
 Tom has got a little money. He can go to the restaurant.	 Peter has got (very) little money. He can't go to the restaurant.

♡ A few means 'not many, but enough.'

e.g. We've got a few oranges. We can make some juice. (= We've got enough oranges.)

Few means 'hardly any, almost none' and can go with *very* for emphasis.

e.g. There are (very) few biscuits in the box. It is almost empty. (There are only one or two biscuits.)

♡ A little means 'not much, but enough.'

e.g. She's got a little time. She can go shopping.

Little means 'hardly any, almost nothing' and can go with *very* for emphasis.

e.g. We've got (very) little coffee. There's not enough for all of us.

Activity 1. Complete with *many, much, a lot of*.

1. **A:** I've got..... spare time today.
B: Great! Let's go shopping together.
2. **A:** Are there cinemas in this town?
B: No, there's only one.
3. **A:** There isn't..... snow on the ground.
B: No, the sun has melted it.
4. **A:** There are flowers in the garden.
B: Yes, they're beautiful, aren't they?

5. **A:** How times did you have a shower yesterday?
B: Three! It was a very hot day.
6. **A:** I've got..... things to do today.
B: I'm busy today, too.
7. **A:** There isn't..... water in the vase. The flowers will die.
B: I'll put some more in.
8. **A:** Helen is always alone.
B: No she isn't. She's got friends

Activity 2. Complete with *few, little or a little*.

- a. Shall I make cakes for tea on Sunday?
- b. I hope there are..... people I know at the party.
- c. Could I have..... milk in my cup, please?
- d. The train drivers are on strike. Very people came to work.
- e. I hope you've almost finished. There is very..... time left.

- f. It's cold. That's why there are very children in the park today.
- g. Do you need more days to think about my proposal?
- h. We must go shopping. There's very food in the fridge.
- i. I'm bored. There's very to do on Wednesday evenings.
- j. I'm sorry. I'm (a little) late. We're having problems at work.

Activity 3. Chose the correct alternative to complete each sentence.

- a. I don't have **some / any** green peppers for the recipe.
- b. We need **some / any** orange juice.
- c. She doesn't eat **some / any** meat.
- d. Add **some / any** water to the soup.
- e. We don't have **some / any** bread.
- f. My aunt knows **some / any** great recipes.
- g. She doesn't use **some / any** salt in her cooking.
- h. Adam doesn't want **some/any** soup.
- i. I need **some / any** money for groceries.
- j. He doesn't need **some / any** help.