

Lesson 4B

GRAMMAR | *how much, how many, how + adjective*

VOCABULARY | amounts; numbers

PRONUNCIATION | intonation to check understanding

VOCABULARY

amounts; numbers

1 A Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

about exactly just nearly over under

- 1 49 is _____ under fifty.
- 2 998–1002 is _____ a thousand.
- 3 98 is _____ a hundred.
- 4 300 is _____ three hundred.
- 5 712 is _____ seven hundred.
- 6 99 is just _____ a hundred.

B Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

- 1 In 2018, three _____ five seven two billion viewers watched the FIFA World Cup.
a and b point c a
- 2 An average blue whale weighs about eighteen _____ thousand kilograms.
a and b – c a
- 3 What was life like _____ hundred years ago?
a – b and c a
- 4 In 2021, the population of Australia was twenty-five _____ eight million.
a – b point c and
- 5 Over seventy-five and _____ half million people visit Paris every year.
a – b a c point
- 6 The average person walks round the Earth four _____ five times in their life.
a a b – c point

C 4.04 | Listen and check.

D Choose the correct answers to complete the story.

Last year I was in America on a long holiday. We went across the whole country in a car, on a long road called Route 66. It's three thousand, ¹– / and nine hundred ²– / and forty kilometres! My favourite day was a big barbecue festival in Kentucky with over ³– / a thousand people. There was a lot of food there: two ⁴– / point five thousand hamburgers and two hundred ⁵– / and twenty kilos of meat! After an hour, I wasn't hungry. About ⁶a / – quarter of a plate was enough for me. It was very hot that day, too. The temperature was thirty-six ⁷a / point five degrees in the afternoon!

GRAMMAR

how much, how many; how + adjective

2 A Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 How _____ meat do you eat every week?
a old b much c long
- 2 How _____ is that building?
a high b far c many
- 3 How _____ children does she have?
a old b tall c many
- 4 How _____ is your car? Can all five of us get in?
a big b much c old
- 5 How _____ is it from the station to your house?
a much b far c tall
- 6 How _____ is your son now?
a many b long c old

B Complete the conversation with one word in each gap.

- A: I'm at the station. How ¹ _____ is it to your house?
B: It's about ten minutes by bus.
A: And how ² _____ does it take to walk?
B: About half an hour.
A: Hmm, OK. The bus, then. How ³ _____ is the ticket?
B: ⁴ _____ much. It's only a pound, I think.
A: And how ⁵ _____ stops before I get off?
B: Let me think ... it's four or five.
A: OK, thanks. Oh, it's here now! See you soon.

C 4.05 | Listen and check.

PRONUNCIATION

3 A | intonation to check understanding | Match the questions (1–6) with the answers (a–f).


- 1 How much is this watch?
 - 2 How many people are in your English class?
 - 3 How far is the supermarket from here?
 - 4 How long was the meeting?
 - 5 How tall is your brother?
 - 6 How old is your boss?
- a About twenty.
b It's £350.
c Four hours.
d She's about thirty.
e He's two metres.
f It's about ten kilometres.

B 4.06 | Match the responses (a–f) with the conversations (1–6) in Ex 3A. Then listen and check.

- a Sorry, how far? d Sorry, how tall?
b Sorry, how old? e Sorry, how many?
c Sorry, how much? f Sorry, how long?

C 4.07 | Listen again and repeat the responses.

READING

4  Read the first paragraph of the article. Select a word to fill the gap.

- a long b much c many

5 A Read the article. Match the questions (1–6) with the answers (a–f).

- 1 How long does the average person spend trying to sleep?
 - 2 How many dreams do they have?
 - 3 How much money do they spend on holidays?
 - 4 How many cups of tea do they drink?
 - 5 How long do they spend laughing?
 - 6 How many words do they speak a day?
- a 75,900
b three months
c seven years and two months
d £175,392
e 4,200
f over 100,000

B Read the article again. Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The average person in the UK lives until they're just over 80.
- 2 People spend under 26 years sleeping.
- 3 People watch TV for eight and a half years.
- 4 People read nearly 500 books.
- 5 People spend over three years on social media.
- 6 People spend over a year doing exercise.
- 7 People spend just over three years on holiday.
- 8 Nearly twenty million people visit Spain.
- 9 People spend just under four and a half years eating.
- 10 People laugh for three weeks.



How do we spend our lives?

In the UK, most people live for about 81 years. But how _____ time do they spend doing different things?



Time for bed

Not many people like getting up on Monday mornings. The average person spends 26 years and seven months sleeping, but how long do they spend trying to sleep? The answer is seven years and two months! They also have over 100,000 dreams (but we don't know if they are good or bad).

Free time

In an ordinary lifetime, people in the UK watch TV for eight years and six months and read 540 books. That's a lot of reading! They also spend almost three years on social media and sixteen months doing sport and exercise.

Holidays

People in the UK are lucky because in an ordinary lifetime they spend three years and two months on holiday. They go everywhere, but Spain is the most popular country, with over 18 million visits a year. But how much does it all cost? About £175,392 per person.

Food and drink

People in the UK love tea, and an average person drinks 75,900 cups in their lifetime! They also eat for four years and five months.

How happy are they?

An average person in the UK laughs for three months at something funny, but cries nearly seventy litres of water when they're sad. They talk a lot, too. An average person says over 4,200 words a day, but we all know someone who speaks more than that!