

GRAMMAR

some / any, much / many, a lot of, a few / a little

1 Read the examples. Then complete the rules with *some* or *any*.

- 1 **Some** people drive cars.
- 2 The Uno doesn't use **any** petrol.
- 3 Have you got **any** ideas?

We use:

- a _____ before nouns in positive sentences.
- b _____ before nouns in negative sentences and in questions.

2 Complete the sentences with *some* or *any*.

- 1 Do you need _____ help with the rubbish?
- 2 I like _____ graffiti but not all of it.

- 3 There's _____ heavy traffic on the motorway.
- 4 Is there _____ information about bus times?

3 Read the examples. Then complete the rules with the **words**. Look at the underlined nouns. Are they countable or uncountable?

1. Beijing is like **a lot of** big cities around the world.
2. The city has **a lot of** traffic.
3. Scooters don't need **much** petrol.
4. When Ann was young, she only had **a few** toys.
5. **Many** people don't have access to electricity.
- 6 Ann's torch only produced **a little** light.

- a We use *many*, _____ and _____ to talk about large amounts.
- b We don't usually use *much* or *many* in positive sentences:
*There is **much** a lot of time.*
- c We use _____ and _____ to talk about small amounts.
- d We don't use *a few* or *a little* in negative sentences:
*He hasn't got **a little** much money.*

4 Complete the table with *a lot of*, *a little* and *much*.

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
There aren't many cities.	There isn't ¹ _____ water.
There are a lot of scooters.	There's ² _____ traffic.
There are a few people.	There's ³ _____ petrol.

5 Choose the correct words.

-  **1** A: Do you like living in the country?
B: Mostly. There are *a few* / *a little* bad things.
There isn't *many* / *much* entertainment.
- 2** A: Have you got *a few* / *some* minutes?
I'm doing a questionnaire on pollution.
B: I'm sorry. I haven't got *much* / *many* time.
Are there *many* / *much* questions?