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?
5 There isn't _____ electricity at the moment. I think there's a power cut.
6 I've got _____ rubbish here. Where can I put it?

3 **Read the examples. Then complete the rules with the words.**

1 Beijing is like a lot of big cities around the world.
2 The city has a lot of traffic.
3 A lot of people ride scooters.
4 Scooters don't need much petrol.
5 When Ann was young, she only had a few toys.
6 Many people don't have access to electricity.
7 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.*

UNIT 6 *SOME/ANY, MUCH/MANY, A LOT OF, A FEW / A LITTLE*

some/any

- We use ***some*** and ***any*** with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns.
- We use ***some*** in positive sentences.
  *We bought **some petrol** and **some sweets** at the garage.*
- We use ***any*** in questions and negative sentences.
  *I haven't got **any homework** tonight.*
  *Are there **any** good **clubs** near here?*
  *Is there **any fruit** in the fridge?*
  *They don't want **any salad**.*

much/many and a lot of

- We use these words to talk about large amounts.
- We use ***a lot of*** with plural countable nouns and with uncountable nouns, in positive and negative sentences and questions.
  *I took **a lot of photos** last night.*
  *There's **a lot of milk** in the fridge.*
  *We haven't got **a lot of** money for clothes.*
- We often use ***many*** with plural countable nouns in questions and negatives.
  *We haven't got **many photos** of our holiday.*
  *Are **many people** coming to your party?*
- We often use ***much*** with uncountable nouns in negative sentences and questions.
  *I haven't got **much time** to help you.*
  *Is there **much traffic** on this road at night?*

a few / a little

- We use these words to talk about small amounts.
- We use ***a few*** and ***a little*** in positive sentences and questions. We don't use these words in negative sentences.
- We use ***a few*** with plural countable nouns.
  *I invited **a few friends** to a barbecue on my birthday.*
  *Do you want **a few grapes** with the cheese?*
- We use ***a little*** with uncountable nouns.
  *I'd like **a little sugar** in my coffee, please.*
  *Have you got **a little time** to spare?*

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Practice

1 Match the sentence halves.

1 Do you need
2 Tom hasn't got
3 I need
4 Is there
5 I had
6 I didn't have

a any time to phone me today.
b any news about the date of the exam?
c any time to work yesterday.
d any help?
e some good news yesterday.
f some more time.

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

1 Don't make _____ noise near the exam room.
2 My brother had _____ problems with his phone, so he couldn't text me.
3 Did you have _____ help when you made that cake?
4 There isn't _____ rubbish in the bin.
5 There's _____ fruit in the cupboard if you want it.
6 Were there _____ children at the party?

3 Choose the correct words.

1 I didn't play *many* / *much* matches last season.
2 I haven't got *a little* / *much* paper, so I need to buy some soon.
3 My earphones aren't working, so I can't listen to *some* / *any* music on the bus.
4 We had *a little* / *a few* problems with the password but in the end we remembered it.
5 I've got *a lot of* / *much* cousins in Germany.
6 How *much* / *many* students are there at your school?
7 I found *some* / *much* information for my project online.
8 We haven't got *any* / *some* time for shopping today.
9 Did you spend *many* / *a lot of* time at the park?
10 There's *a little* / *a few* space left for your name at the bottom of the page.

4 Complete the sentences with *much*, *many*, *a few* or *a little*.

1 There isn't _____ traffic at this time in the morning, so it only takes _____ minutes to get to the centre.
2 I only have _____ money with me, so I can't buy _____ food.
3 Did you have _____ trouble finding the address you needed?
4 We've got _____ exercises to do for homework but they won't take _____ time.
5 I made _____ phone calls about the screen problems with your tablet but I didn't get _____ helpful answers.
6 Were there _____ cars on the road this morning?
7 We only had _____ time at the party but we still made _____ new friends.
8 'Have you got _____ sandwiches left?' 'Yes, there are _____.'
9 There are too _____ people in this room. There isn't _____ space here.
10 We haven't got _____ time left, so we need to leave in _____ minutes.

4 Look at the underlined nouns in the examples in Exercise 3. Are they countable or uncountable?

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Countable	Uncountable

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5 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.

6 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:** I got *much* / *a lot of* tips from my aunt about visiting the UK.
B: My brother gave me *a little* / *a few* information about *a* / *some* good things to see in the UK.
3 **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?
4 **A:** Do you have *some* / *any* problems with crime?
B: There's *a little* / *a few* graffiti, but not really.

7 Think about your perfect place to live and complete the sentences. Compare your ideas.

1 My perfect place to live has got *a lot of* / *a few* …
2 There are *some* / *a lot of* …
3 There aren't *any* / *a lot of* …
4 It hasn't got *much* / *many* …
5 There's only *a little* …

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

1 She received _____ beautiful flowers in hospital.
2 I haven't got _____ money.
3 You don't have to pay for _____ of the buses – they're all free!
4 There are _____ places I really don't want to visit.

2 Complete the sentences with *much* or *many*.

1 I haven't got _____ time – what do you want?
2 Felix didn't buy _____ biscuits.
3 Did that phone cost _____?
4 It's my first day – I don't know _____ people.

3 Complete the sentences with *a little* or *a few*.

1 Help yourself to _____ pieces of paper.
2 There's _____ cake left – would you like it?
3 I just want _____ information about the town, please.
4 Wait here – there are _____ things I need to get from the shop.

4 Choose the correct option.

1 Our capital city has _____ pollution.
a a lot of **b** many **c** a few
2 There are _____ really beautiful green spaces in Vancouver.
a any **b** much **c** some
3 Jessie never has _____ money. It's really annoying.
a many **b** a little **c** any
4 There are _____ interesting things to do in this town.
a any **b** many **c** much
5 There are _____ people here who don't put their rubbish in the bin.
a a few **b** little **c** any
6 There isn't _____ we can do now – just wait for the power cut to end!
a many **b** a little **c** much
7 I can speak _____ German.
a a few **b** a little **c** much
8 Pablo moved to my school last week and he doesn't have _____ friends yet.
a many **b** much **c** some
9 Would you like _____ coffee?
a a few **b** some **c** much
10 I'm nearly out of the traffic jam – I'll be home in _____ minutes.
a a little **b** any **c** a few

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5 Read the text and choose the correct word.

The Whitsunday Islands are a group of islands in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef. [1]*Many / Much* of them don't have [2]*any / some* facilities, so you can't stay there, but there are [3]*some / a little* that have [4]*a few / a little* hotels. [5]*Much / A lot of* Australians like to spend their holidays on these islands because they are beautiful. If you need to relax, they are perfect because there isn't [6]*much / many* to do except swim in the beautiful blue sea. So all you need is [7]*a few / a little* time to book your next holiday in paradise!

6 Look at the picture and choose the correct options to complete the text.

It's Cycle Day in Newtown and there are [1]*any / many / much* bicycles for hire. Today's the day to go for a bike ride, so there aren't [2]*any / many / some* people walking, and although we can see [3]*a few / a little / much* tables at the café, they are empty. We can see [4]*a little / a lot of / much* flags in the picture. There's a wall with [5]*any / many / some* graffiti on it but not [6]*many / much / some*. There aren't [7]*any / a few / a lot of* animals in the picture.

7 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

1 **a** On my first day at a new school, I didn't have friends.
   b On my first day at a new school, I didn't have any friends.
2 **a** I went to the beach and I had a lot of fun.
   b I went to the beach and I had much fun.
3 **a** We can have lunch in a tent near the lake.
   b We can have lunch in some tent near the lake.
4 **a** Few hours later, they had to go back.
   b A few hours later, they had to go back.
5 **a** We do a lot of things together.
   b We do alot of things together.

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