QUANTIFIERS

FEW – LITTLE

A FEW - A LITTLE

= a small quantity; a small amount

FEW + Plural Countable Nouns	= **not many**; not enough; nearly no ...
A FEW + Plural Countable Nouns	= **some**; a small amount
LITTLE + Uncountable Nouns	= **not much**; not enough; nearly no ...
A LITTLE + Uncountable Nouns	= **some**; a small amount

FEW = NOT MANY

(FEW normally conveys a negative idea)

- *He has **few** good friends.* (negative idea - not enough)
- ***Few** people went to the concert.*
- *There are **few** honest politicians.*

LITTLE = NOT MUCH

(LITTLE normally conveys a negative idea)

- *There was **little** time to finish it.* (negative idea - nearly no time)
- *He has **little** patience with others.*
- *They have **little** money to spend.*

A FEW = SOME (a small amount)

(A FEW normally conveys a positive idea)

- *He has **a few** friends that will help.* (positive idea - a small amount)
- *I have **a few** days off next month.*
- *She has won **a few** awards.*

A LITTLE = SOME (a small amount)

(A LITTLE normally conveys a positive idea)

- *I have **a little** milk you can use.* (positive idea - a small amount)
- *She has **a little** time to relax now.*
- *I have earned **a little** extra money.*

MUCH – MANY

A LOT OF - LOTS OF

= a large quantity of something

Much and ***Many*** are mainly used in **negative sentences** and **questions**. They are **not** common in affirmative sentences though still possible.
Much is used with **uncountable** nouns.
Many is used with **plural countable** nouns.

MUCH

+ UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- *I don't have **much** time.*
- *He doesn't need **much** money.*
- *Does it use **much** electricity?*

MANY

+ PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- *There aren't **many** chairs in the room.*
- *I don't have **many** friends.*
- *Do you think **many** people will go?*

With **affirmative sentences**, we prefer ***a lot of*** instead of ***much/many***.
A lot of / lots of are **not** common in negative sentences or questions.
A lot of can be used with **countable** nouns and **uncountable** nouns.
a lot of = lots of

A LOT OF

+ UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- *I need **a lot of** coffee.*
  *(= I need **lots of** coffee.)*
- *There is **a lot of** traffic today.*

A LOT OF

+ PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- *She has **a lot of** friends.*
  *(= She has **lots of** friends.)*
- *There are **a lot of** cars on the street.*

SUMMARY

	Countable	Uncountable	Positive (+)	Negative (-)	Questions (?)	Exceptions *
a/an	✓		✓	✓	✓	Requests Offers
some	✓	✓	✓		*	
any	✓	✓		✓	✓	
many	✓		*	✓	✓	(+)Formal
much		✓	*	✓	✓	(+)Formal
few * / a few	✓		✓			Few (not enough) A few(enough)
little */ a little		✓	✓			Little(not enough) A little (enough)
a lot of / lots of	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Informal Spoken English

LISTENING: Two friends talk about what they need to make apple pie.
Listen to the audio and complete the two parts of the listening exercise. Then listen again to check.

Part One

The two ingredients they need to buy are ..... and .....

Part Two

Now, complete these sentences as you listen to Mike and Cathy's conversation for a second time. All the words are quantifiers. Choose the words from the box below:

some - any - few - a little - much - many - a lot

1. We need some apples. Do we have .....?
2. Yes, we have ..... of apples.
3. How ..... do we have to use?
4. Now, is there ..... flour?
5. How ..... do we have?
6. We'll have to buy ..... flour. We don't have
7. We only need ..... cinnamon.
8. We have ..... of salt.
9. And quite ..... of sugar.
10. We don't have ..... sugar!
11. Did you buy ..... butter yesterday at the store?
12. No, I didn't get ..... How ..... do we need for the recipe?
13. I think we have ..... butter in the fridge.
14. We don't have ..... but there's enough.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Quantifiers

SOME OR ANY?

1) There are **some/any** children in the classroom.
2) Is there **any/some** milk in the fridge?
3) Are there **some/any** rooms in the hotel?
4) She doesn't have **any/some** free time.
5) He has **some/any** ice-cream.
6) Can we have some/any tea, please?
7) Do you have **some/ any** qualifications?
8) There aren't **any/some** good restaurants in the centre.

MUCH/MANY
HOW MUCH/HOW MANY?

1) There aren't **many/much** chips in your dish.
2) There isn't **much/many** cola in the glass.
3) How **much/many** cafés are there in St. Petersburg?
4) How **many/much** siblings have you got?
5) How **much/many** homework do you have?
6) We've got **much/many** things to do.
7) Can I drink **much/many** water from this bottle?

A FEW, A LITTLE AND A LOT OF.

1) There is **a little/a few** money in my account.
2) There is **a few/a little** milk in the fridge.
3) There are **a few/a lot of** lemons on the table.
4) There is **a few/a little** quantity of sugar in the jar.
5) They have **a few/a little** chocolate for eating.
6) There are **a few/a little** oranges in the cupboard.
7) There are **a few/a little/ a lot of** oranges in the tree.

A OR AN?

1) My teacher is ___ cool person.
2) There is ___ cat in that tree.
3) There are a lot of animals in ___ zoo, ___ elephant, ___ partritge, ___ lion....
4) We took ___ lemon, ___ apple and ___ pear.
5) Is there ___ banana on the table?
6) I don't have ___ apple for my English teacher, so I on't pass the exam.

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