GRAMMAR FOCUS

Quantifiers; how many and how much

Count nouns

Are there **many restaurants**?
Yes, there are **a lot**.
Yes, there are **a few**.
No, there are**n't many**.
No, there are**n't any**.
No, there are **none**.

How many restaurants are there?
There are ten or twelve.

Noncount nouns

Is there **much crime**?
Yes, there's **a lot**.
Yes, there's **a little**.
No, there is**n't much**.
No, there is**n't any**.
No, there's **none**.

How much crime is there?
There's a lot of street crime.

- Use *a lot* with both count and noncount nouns: Are there many traffic lights on First Avenue? Yes, there are **a lot**. Is there much traffic? Yes, there's **a lot**.
- Use *any* – not *none* – in negative statements: How much traffic is there on your street? There **isn't any**. = There**'s none**. (NOT: ~~There isn't none.~~)
- Use *How many* with count nouns: **How many books** do you have?
- Use *How much* with noncount nouns: **How much traffic** is there?

A Write answers to these questions about your neighborhood. Then practice with a partner.

There isn't much parking in my neighborhood

1. Is there much parking? .....
2. Are there many apartment buildings? .....
3. How much traffic is there? .....
4. How many dance clubs are there? .....
5. Is there much noise? .....
6. Are there many pay phones? .....
7. Is there much pollution? .....
8. How many swimming pools are there? .....

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A Complete the conversations. Circle the correct words.

1. A: Is there **many / much** traffic in your city?
   B: Well, there's **a few / a little**.
2. A: Are there **many / much** public telephones around here?
   B: No, there aren't **many / none**.
3. A: **How many / How much** restaurants are there in your neighborhood?
   B: There **is / are** a lot.
4. A: **How many / How much** noise **is / are** there in your city?
   B: There's **much / none**. It's very quiet.

B Write questions with the words in parentheses. Use *much* or *many*.

1. A: Is there much pollution in your neighborhood? (pollution)
   B: No, there isn't. My neighborhood is very clean.
2. A: ..... (parks)
   B: Yes, there are. They're great for families.
3. A: ..... (crime)
   B: There's none. It's a very safe part of the city.
4. A: ..... (laundromats)
   B: There aren't any. A lot of people have their own washing machines.

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