

5.2)) A LIFETIME IN NUMBERS

A Look at pictures A–J. What food or drink can you see?



Match words with the pics

a bowl F	a jar	a bottle	a bag
a cup	a tin/can	a carton	
a packet	a glass	a mug	

A **5.4 NUMBERS** Work in pairs.
How do you say the numbers in the box below? Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

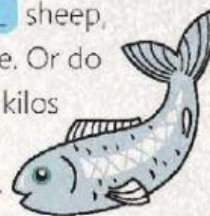
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Read the text

How much food does an average person eat in a lifetime?
And how much do they drink?

The answer is **A LOT!!!**

Do you eat meat? Meat-eaters in Europe eat ¹ 21 sheep, ² chickens and ³ cows in their lifetime. Or do you prefer fish? Japanese people eat about **69** kilos a year; that's an amazing **4,830** kilos in a lifetime.



If you're a vegetarian, do you like beans?

On average, Brazilians eat about ⁴ kilos of beans in their lives. Beans are popular all around the world, from Latin America to Asia.

Why is weight a problem for so many people? The average American has about **4,500** kilos of sugar a year, often as part of food and drink. Soft drinks have an average of ⁵ spoonfuls of sugar in a can or bottle. And how many cookies do Americans eat in their lifetime? Over ⁶ !



How much water, tea and coffee do people drink?

An average person drinks about ⁷ litres of water in their lifetime. People in the UK drink about ⁸ cups of tea a year, and the top coffee-drinkers in the world are from Finland – they use **13** kilos of coffee beans a year. Maybe it isn't surprising that people use ⁹ rolls of toilet paper a year! That's about ¹⁰ in their lifetime.



D Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Which food in the article do you eat a lot? Which do you never eat?
- 2 What other food and drink do you eat or drink a lot of?

GRAMMAR

HOW MUCH/MANY; QUANTIFIERS

A Complete the sentences below. Then underline the correct alternatives to complete the rule.

- 1 _____ food does an average person eat in a lifetime?
- 2 _____ cookies does the average American eat?

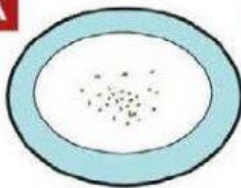
RULES

- 1 Use *how much* with *countable/uncountable* nouns.
- 2 Use *how many* with *countable/uncountable* nouns.

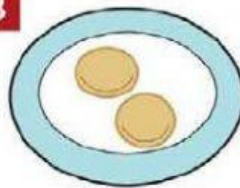
B Match the words below with pictures A–D.

not many a lot/lots none quite a lot

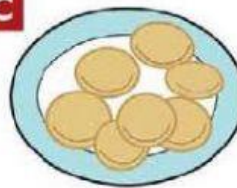
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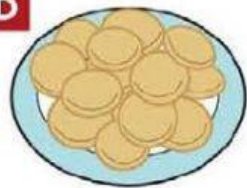
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C



D



Complete the following questions:

- 1 How many times does a six-year-old child laugh every day?
- 2 How _____ times does a person laugh every day?
- 3 How _____ milk does a person drink in their lifetime?
- 4 How _____ words does a woman say in a day?
- 5 How _____ words does a man say in a day?
- 6 How _____ shampoo do people use in their lifetime?
- 7 How _____ friends does a person make in their lifetime?
- 8 How _____ hair does a person grow in their lifetime?

Vic and Bob are going on a camping trip. Complete their conversation with the words in the box. Make them plural if necessary. There are two extra words.

can bottle bag cup packet jar bowl
carton mug

Bob: OK, Vic. Is everything here?

Vic: Yes, I think so.

Bob: OK. Three ¹ cans of baked beans?

Vic: Yes.

Bob: And have we got ² _____ to eat the beans out of?

Vic: Er, yes.

Bob: Five ³ _____ of water?

Vic: Right.

Bob: Please tell me we've got some ⁴ _____ of orange juice – you know you forget things.

Vic: Yes, we've got two of them.

Bob: A ⁵ _____ of cigarettes?

Vic: Bob, this is a no smoking holiday!

Bob: OK, OK. A ⁶ _____ of jam?

Vic: Yes.

Bob: Ten ⁷ _____ of sweets?

Vic: Bob, you're on a diet!

Bob: But they're sugar-free sweets.

Vic: Huh!

Bob: Two rolls of toilet paper?

Vic: Er, toilet paper? Oh no!

Find and correct ten mistakes with quantifiers in the conversations.

- 1 A: How many milk do we need? *much*
B: Two cartons.
- 2 A: Is there any orange juice in the fridge?
B: No, not many – just one carton.
- 3 A: How much biscuits do you eat in a week?
B: Quite a many. I love biscuits!
- 4 A: There's none water in this bottle. It's empty.
B: That's OK. There's another bottle in my bag.
- 5 A: Are there any tomatoes in the fridge?
B: Not much – two or three.
- 6 A: How many money have you got?
B: Quite lot!
- 7 A: How many bananas are there in that bowl?
B: No one – it's empty.
- 8 A: Have we got much ice cream?
B: Yes, we've got a quite lot.

A Read the blog and number the topics in the order the writer writes about them. Which two topics does the writer not give information about?

- a) drinks _____
- b) snacks _____
- c) fast food _____
- d) breakfast 1 _____
- e) foreign food _____
- f) dinner _____
- g) lunch _____

EATING IN IZMIR

I'm from Izmir in Turkey and my family loves food. From breakfast to dinner, we always eat fresh food. Breakfast is simple: eggs, cheese, bread and tomatoes. We sometimes eat cooked eggs with Turkish sausage – that's really good. We don't usually have cereal with milk for breakfast like they do in the UK – there are lots of other delicious things to eat!

I have lunch with my husband when he can come home from work; the children have lunch at school. We usually have a light lunch – soup and bread, or rice and chicken. Something easy to get is pide – Turkish pizza; we eat it with salad. And we often have a yoghurt drink called Ayran with our pide or some milk. My favourite pide is cheese with egg on top.

Our main meal is dinner. All the family comes to eat and sometimes we have other family members too – cousins, aunts, uncles. We eat around eight o'clock. We start with cold food – different small dishes made from vegetables. Our main meal is usually meat or fish with rice and salad. Then we have fruit or something sweet. With all that food, eating dinner can take a long time! But we love chatting and telling each other about our day.