

# Nouns and adjectives

## 60 *much, many, a lot of*

We haven't got **much** time.  
 Are there **many** restaurants in town?  
 There are **a lot of** new students in the class.

- **much** – with uncountable nouns in questions and negative sentences.
- **many** – with plural countable nouns in questions and negative sentences.
- **a lot of** – with countable and uncountable nouns, usually in positive sentences but we do sometimes use **a lot of** in questions and negative sentences.

### Notes

- To ask about quantity, we use:  
**How much** + uncountable noun:  
*How much milk did you buy?*  
**How many** + plural countable noun:  
*How many students are there in the group?*
- In short answers, we can use **much** or **many** without a noun:  
*Have you got any ... ?*  
*Yes, but not much/many.*  
*No, not much/many.*

### Practice

60 Complete the sentences using **much**, **many** or **a lot of**. Use **a lot of** in the positive sentences only.

- 1 Have you got *...much...* work to do?
- 2 We bought *...a lot of...* fruit but no vegetables.
- 3 There isn't ..... information in this book.
- 4 How ..... children have they got?
- 5 He's got ..... problems at the moment.
- 6 We saw ..... beautiful birds on the walk.
- 7 I don't know ..... people here. Do you?
- 8 There were ..... phone calls this morning.
- 9 We couldn't go out because I didn't have ..... money with me.
- 10 There aren't ..... tourists here this year.
- 11 I don't have breakfast before work but I drink ..... tea.
- 12 Do you smoke ..... cigarettes?
- 13 How ..... money did you spend?
- 14 Are there going to be ..... people at the party?
- 15 She's ill and she's not eating ..... food.

**61 a few, a little**

There are **a few** letters on the desk for you, Mrs Andrews.  
 I like **a little** milk in my tea, please.  
 Have you got any potatoes? Yes, we've got **a few**.  
 Do you have any homework to do? Yes, **a little**.

- **a few** + plural countable noun
- **a little** + uncountable noun

**Note:** In short answers, no noun is necessary after **a few** or **a little**:  
 'Have you got any money?' 'Yes, I've got **a little**.'  
 'Were there many people on the beach?' 'Yes, there were **a few**.'

**Practice**

**61** Complete the sentences using **a few** or **a little**.

- 1 There are *..a few..* people coming to visit us tonight.
- 2 We've only got *..a little..* time to finish this work.
- 3 I took ..... books with me to read on holiday.
- 4 Can I have just ..... juice, please?
- 5 'Was there any food at the party?' 'Yes, there was .....
- 6 I only take ..... sugar in my tea because I know sugar's bad for your teeth.
- 7 'Did you take any photographs at the wedding?' 'Yes, I took .....
- 8 I met ..... friends for a meal in town last night.
- 9 'When you were in Africa, did you see any lions?' 'Yes, I saw .....
- 10 I'm not a vegetarian but I only eat ..... meat.
- 11 ..... flowers are starting to come up in the garden.
- 12 I'm not sure where we're going for our holidays but I've got ..... ideas.
- 13 I bought ..... new cassettes with my birthday money.
- 14 'Have you got any money with you?' 'I've got .....
- 15 'Is there any soap in the bathroom?' 'Yes, there's .....

**62 some, any, much, many, a lot of, a few, a little**

**Plural countable nouns**

*Positive*

I've got	<b>a few some a lot of</b>	friends.
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*Negative*

I haven't got	<b>any many (a lot of)</b>	friends.
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*Question*

Have you got	<b>any many (a lot of)</b>	friends?
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**Uncountable nouns**

*Positive*

I've got	<b>a little some a lot of</b>	money.
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*Negative*

I haven't got	<b>any much (a lot of)</b>	money.
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*Question*

Have you got	<b>any much (a lot of)</b>	money?
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**Practice**

**62** Circle the correct word or words.

- 1 I'm sorry but I haven't got much/many time.
- 2 There are a few/a little grapes in the fridge.
- 3 Have you got some/any butter?
- 4 She's got a lot of/a little friends at school.
- 5 'Do you eat meat?' 'Yes, a few/a little.'

- 6 He made *a/some* lovely meal last night.
- 7 I met *some/any* friends of yours last night.
- 8 Do you write *much/many* letters?
- 9 We waited *a few/a little* minutes and then left.
- 10 How *much/many* paper do you want?
- 11 She speaks *a few/a little* Arabic.
- 12 I like fruit juice but I don't drink *some/much* milk.
- 13 'Have you got *some/any* spaghetti?' 'Yes, but not *much/many*.'
- 14 I don't have *much/many* homework to do tonight.

**63 mine, yours, hers, his, ours, theirs: possessive pronouns**

Is that my pen? No, I think it's **mine**.  
 Whose car is this? It's **ours**.  
 The red bike is **hers** and the blue one is **his**.

*Possessive adjectives*

my	your	her	his	its	our	their
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*Possessive pronouns*

mine	yours	hers	his	-	ours	theirs
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- A possessive adjective has a noun after it:  
*Is that **your** dog?*  
*This is **my** sister.*
- A possessive pronoun does not have a noun after it:  
*I think this pen is **yours**.*  
*'Whose coat is this?' 'It's **mine**.'*

**Note:** We do not use *its* as a possessive pronoun.

**Practice**

**63a** Rewrite the underlined words with a possessive pronoun.

- 1 Is that my newspaper?  
*Is that mine?*
- 2 It isn't his car - it's her car.  
*It isn't his - it's hers.*
- 3 This is a beautiful garden. It's a lot bigger than our garden.  
 .....

4 I'm sorry I ate the chocolates. I didn't know they were your chocolates.  
 .....

5 There's a cat at the window but I don't think it's your cat.  
 .....

6 Can you give this key to Andrew and Melanie? It's their key.  
 .....

7 She's picking up that bag but it's not her bag.  
 .....

8 'Whose book is this?' 'It's my book.'  
 .....

9 What a beautiful painting! Is it your painting?  
 .....

10 Which room is his room?  
 .....

**63b** Complete the sentences with the correct possessive pronouns or adjectives.

1 I quite like our house but yours is nicer. (we/you)

2 I don't like my new teacher at all. What's yours like? (I/you)

3 I can see ..... children at the school gates but where are  
 .....? (you/I)

4 All ..... friends came to the party and ..... three sisters  
 were there too. (they/she)

5 'Is this ..... money?' 'No, you put ..... in ..... bag.'  
 (I/you/you)

6 She enjoys ..... job but he doesn't. He wants to change  
 ..... . (she/he)

7 I want to change ..... computer. I'd like to buy one like  
 ..... . (I/you)

8 I'm afraid this car isn't ..... . My parents lend it to me sometimes  
 but it is ..... . (I/they)

9 ..... television has a much better picture than ..... .  
 (you/we)

10 ..... parents live nearby but ..... live in Australia. (he/she)

**64 's possessive:**

This is <b>her</b> jacket. ( <i>possessive adjective</i> )	→	'Whose is this?' 'It's <b>hers</b> .' ( <i>possessive pronoun</i> )
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This is <b>Helen's</b> jacket	→	'Whose is this?' 'It's <b>Helen's</b> .'
This is my <b>parents'</b> flat.	→	'Whose flat is this?' 'It's my <b>parents'</b> .'

- We can use 's or s' with or without a noun.
- See Stage 1, exercise 7 on the possessive 's.

**Practice**

**64** Complete the sentences using the correct possessives.

- 'Have you got *the doctor's* phone number?'  
'No, I haven't but Justine has. It's in *her* address book.'  
(the doctor/she)
- 'Is this *your* case?'  
'No, it's *Liam's*. *My* case is upstairs.' (you/Liam/I)
- 'Did I leave ..... glasses here?'  
'No, I think they're in ..... room.' (I/Emily)
- 'Is this ..... office?'  
'No, it's ..... office is down there.' (Mr Dickinson/his secretary/he)
- 'Whose pen is this?'  
'It's ..... Where is .....? Haven't you got one?'  
'Yes, but I'm looking for ..... He can't find .....'  
(I/you/Andrew/he)
- '..... sister is here today.'  
'Is that ..... car outside the flat?'  
'No, that's ..... ' (Jonathon/she/he)
- 'Where is the ..... library?'  
'It's downstairs, near the ..... office.'  
(students/director)
- 'Is this ..... shopping?'  
'No, it's ..... ' (Jade/we)