

QUANTIFIERS & THEIR AGREEMENTS – LƯỢNG TỪ & SỰ HÒA HỢP

I. LƯỢNG TỪ (TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG)

Some/Any: một vài	Some + N (đếm được) → câu khẳng định, câu mời, đề nghị	I want to buy some new pencils. Would you like some tea?
	Any + N (không đếm được) → câu phủ định, nghi vấn	There aren't any chairs in the room. Is there any water left in the fridge?
Many / Much: nhiều	Many + N (đếm được)	There aren't many people living here.
	Much + N (không đếm được)	He has spent so much money on video games that he stole his mother's wallet.
A number of/ An amount of/ A great deal of → nhiều, rất nhiều	A number of + N (đếm được)	He has a large number of English books.
	An amount of + N (không đếm được)	He borrows a great amount of money.
	A great deal of + N (không đếm được)	A great number of students said they were forced to practise the piano.
Plenty of / A lot of/ lots of: rất nhiều	Plenty of/A lot of/lots of + N (đếm được/không đếm được)	There were plenty of berries. He has a lot of/lots of friends here.
Few/ a few: một vài	A few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	We've got a little bacon and a few eggs.
	Few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Few people can say that they always tell the truth.
Little/ a little: một chút/ một ít	A little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	There is little sugar in my coffee.
	Little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Let's go and have a drink. We have got a little time before the train leaves.
Each/Every	Every: mỗi, mọi	I go for walk every morning.
	Each: mỗi	Each day seems to pass very slowly.

II. ĐỘNG TỪ SỬ DỤNG SAU TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG

a. Số thập phân, phân số, sự đo lường → động từ số ít

Three quarters of a ton is too much. - Ba phần tư tấn là quá nhiều.

b. No + danh từ số ít → động từ số ít

No student has finished their assignment. - Không có học sinh nào hoàn thành bài tập.

c. No + danh từ số nhiều → động từ số nhiều

No people think alike. - Không có người nào nghĩ giống nhau.

d. A number of + N → động từ số nhiều

A number of countries are overproducing goods. – Nhiều nước đang sản xuất thừa hàng hóa.

→ A number of được hiểu là: **“nhiều”**

e. The number of + N → động từ số ít

The number of visitors increases rapidly. - Lượng du khách tăng nhanh chóng.

→ The number of được hiểu là: **“lượng, số lượng”**

Exercise 1: Choose a word from the table below to fill each blank. Some words may be used more than once.

Many	a little	any	some	less	little	fewer
Much	a great deal of		a few	a lot of	few	

Question 1: The museum was very crowded. There were too _____ people.

Question 2: Jack knows _____ Japanese, but his brother knows enough Japanese to manage.

Question 3: Eating out seems to be expensive in this sumptuous city. There aren't _____ cheap restaurants.

Question 4: She had _____ time to study than I did but had better results.

Question 5: Try to avoid foods which contain _____ fat.

Question 6: We've been having _____ problems with the new computer.

Question 7: In the developed world, there are hardly _____ jobs left which don't use computers to carry out many daily tasks.

Question 8: We only have _____ apples. We should go and buy some more.

Question 9: _____ my friends are living abroad now.

Question 10: There are _____ slices of cake left over from the party.

Question 11: She has spent _____ time in Europe to learn English and French with a view to finding a better job.

Question 12: There aren't very _____ weekends between now and Christmas.

Question 13: "Is there _____ butter I could use?" "No, there's some margarine but there isn't _____ butter."

Question 14: If I drink too _____ coffee, I can't sleep.

Question 15: How _____ liquid do you think this bottle contains?

Question 16: I eat _____ chocolate and _____ biscuits than I used to.

Question 17: Lots of people at the club are under 20, but there are quite _____ who aren't.

Question 18: It was embarrassing how _____ people attended the party.

Question 20: The weather is expected to remain clear for the next _____ days.

Exercise 2: Identify one word or phrase that must be changed in each sentence to be correct.

Question 1: How many sugar do you take in your coffee?

Mistake:

Question 2: I don't have some cash on me, so could I pay with by cheque?

Mistake:

Question 3: I know quite a little people who have had the same problem.

Mistake:

Question 4: Can you give me any information about the buses in the city centre, please?

Mistake:

Question 5: He has been to America a little times. Twice in 1996 and again last year.

Mistake:

Question 6: Do you want to exchange this toaster for other one or do you want your money back?

Mistake:

Question 7: There's a number of cupboard space in the kitchen for all your pots and pans.

Mistake:

Question 8: You travel a lot. Have you been to much countries?

Mistake:

Question 9: Do you have some books in your bag?

Mistake:

Question 10: I do a lot of jobs at the same time. I can earn many money.

Mistake:

Question 11: More children start school at the age of five.

Mistake:

Question 12: We saw some lions at the zoo, but we didn't see some tigers.

Mistake:

Question 13: I don't think some of the supermarkets were open.

Mistake:

Question 14: Each of the kids know the answer.

Mistake:

Question 15: Much people do not care about their hygiene.

Mistake:

Question 16: Many determination is needed to fulfill the target.

Mistake:

Question 17: Only a little employees knew how important the project was.

Mistake:

Question 18: There was few traffic so we arrived very early.

Mistake:

Question 19: Both of the kids knows the answer.

Mistake:

Question 20: It costs few money to give your children a good education.

Mistake:

Exercise 3: Choose the correct answer

1. _____ us think it's time for an election.

A. Lots of B. Lot of C. Much D. Many

2. _____ cheese is made from cow's milk.

- A. Most B. Some C. Much D. More
3. _____ my friends live abroad.
- A. Many B. Some C. Much D. Most of
4. _____ us thought he was wrong.
- A. Most of B. Some of C. Much of D. Many a
5. Thank you for bringing me along. I never thought Shakespeare could be so _____ fun.
- A. many B. much C. few D. some
6. You should say _____ and do _____.
- A. many / few B. much / little C. few / many D. little / much
7. Very _____ people knew about it.
- A. few B. less C. much D. little
8. He is a man of _____ words.
- A. less B. little C. fewer D. few
9. _____ heard about the book, but _____ read it.
- A. Many / few B. Much / little C. Many / little D. Few / Fewer
10. "Do you know English?" "Just _____."
- A. much B. many C. little D. less
11. She has very _____ knowledge of the matter.
- A. few B. little C. some D. many
12. The forces were unequal, they were _____ we were _____
- A. many / few B. much / little C. few / much D. little / much
13. We have imported _____ computers this year than last year.
- A. few B. less C. fewer D. many
14. There has been _____ demand for computers this year than last year.
- A. few B. little C. fewer D. more
15. _____ in Shanghai than in any other city in China.
- A. More people live B. More people living
- C. It has more people D. More living people
16. I've been to the theater _____ of times.

- A. much B. a little C. most of D. few
17. But _____ of the plays I've seen are modern.
- A. a few of B. a little C. most D. many
18. When I studied Shakespeare, I thought his plays were _____ boring.
- A. a great deal of B. few C. much D. many
19. _____ of Shakespeare's plays are about history.
- A. A few of B. Many C. Much D. A little
20. They spent _____ time studying Victorian literature.
- A. few B. many C. a large number of D. much
21. _____ popular expressions in our language have interesting background.
- A. Little B. Many C. A large number D. Much
22. At the beginning everybody spoke English very quickly and I couldn't understand _____.
But after _____ days, it is easier and _____ things I had learnt came back to me.
- A. much / a few / many B. a lot / little / a lot
C. much / much / a great number D. many / a few / many
23. Would you like _____ milk? Yes, please.
- A. few B. any C. some D. much
24. _____ them were at the meeting last night so they didn't have knowledge about marketing
- A. neither of B. any of C. many D. a lot of
25. _____ my friends live abroad.
- A. Neither of B. Any of C. Many D. Most of
26. How _____ money have you got in your pocket?
- A. a lot of B. any C. many D. much
27. I could speak _____ words of Swedish, but I wasn't very fluent.
- A. a few B. a little C. few D. little
28. Can you speak French? Just _____.
- A. a few B. little C. few D. a little
29. Very _____ people were flying because of terrorist activities then.

A. few

B. a little

C. a few

D. little

30. He spent _____ of his time on his holidays.

A. much

B. many

C. a lot of

D. little