

Expressing Quantity

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.



| | Countables | Uncountables |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Positive | a lot (of) / lots of | a lot (of) |
| Interrogative | many / how many | much / how much |
| Negative | many | much |

1 **A lot of** or **lots of** are used in the affirmative with countables or uncountables.

There are **a lot of** / **lots of** stars in the sky.

There's **a lot of** milk in the bottle.

2 **Many** (with countables) and **much** (with uncountables) are used in questions and negations. **Many** and **much** can also be used in the affirmative in formal English.

How **many** friends have you got?

There isn't **much** jam in the jar.

Many people learn English. (formal)

1 Write a **lot of**, **many** or **much**.



1 There are ... **a lot of** ... blueberries.



2 There aren't radishes.



3 There isn't honey.



4 There aren't mushrooms.



5 There's jam.



6 There aren't apples.

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2 Fill in the gaps with *a lot of*, *much* or *many*.

- 1 There are *a lot of* birds in the sky!
- 2 I haven't got homework today.
- 3 John hasn't got CDs.
- 4 There aren't cars in the street.
- 5 There is sugar in the bowl.
- 6 Are there apples on the tree?
- 7 Jane has got money in her purse.
- 8 Is there bread in the cupboard?
- 9 Are there children in the park?
- 10 We are early. We have time.

3 Choose the correct item.

- 1 There aren't children in the classroom.
A much **B many** C a lot of
- 2 There isn't cheese in my sandwich.
A much B many C a lot of
- 3 I've got books in my bag.
A much B many C a lot of
- 4 There aren't strawberries in the bowl.
A much B many C a lot of
- 5 How milk is there in the carton?
A much B many C a lot of
- 6 Are there trees in the park?
A much B many C a lot of
- 7 We've got flowers in our garden.
A much B many C a lot of
- 8 There isn't cola in the bottle.
A much B many C a lot of

4 Read the conversation between Ann and her mum. Then fill in the gaps with *much*, *many*, *a lot of*, *how much* or *how many*.

- Ann: I'm going to the corner shop, Mum. Do you need anything?
- Mum: Yes, I do. I need 1) *a lot of* tomatoes to make some sauce for the pasta.
- Ann: 2) tomatoes exactly?
- Mum: I think 2 kilos is enough. I need some cheese, as well.
- Ann: Of course! 3) do you want?
- Mum: I don't want 4) Maybe half a kilo. Also, there isn't 5) milk left. Get another litre, please.
- Ann: OK! What about bread?
- Mum: We have 6) bread left. We don't need any more.
- Ann: Can I get some chocolate for myself?
- Mum: Yes, you can but not 7)
- Ann: Is two bars OK?
- Mum: That's fine but don't eat all of it at once.
- Ann: OK, Mum.