



a lot of money



not much money



a lot of books



not many books

We use **much** + *uncountable noun*  
(**much food** / **much money** etc.):

- Did you buy **much food**?
- We don't have **much luggage**.
- How **much money** do you want?
- A: Do you have any **money**?  
B: I have some, but **not much**.

We use **many** + *plural noun*  
(**many books** / **many people** etc.):

- Did you buy **many books**?
- We don't know **many people**.
- How **many photos** did you take?
- A: Did you take any **photos**?  
B: I took some, but **not many**.

We use **a lot of** + *both types of noun*:

- We bought **a lot of food**.
- Paula doesn't have **a lot of free time**.

- We bought **a lot of books**.
- Did they ask **a lot of questions**?

We say:

- There **is** a lot of **food/money/water** ...  
(*singular verb*)

- There **are** a lot of **trees/shops/people** ... (*plural verb*)
- A lot of **people speak** English.  
(*not speaks*)

We use **much** in *questions* and *negative sentences*:

- Do you drink **much coffee**?
- I don't drink **much coffee**.

But we do not often use **much** in *positive sentences*:

- I drink **a lot of coffee**. (*not* I drink much coffee)
- 'Do you drink much coffee?' 'Yes, **a lot**.' (*not* Yes, much)

We use **many** and **a lot of** in all types of sentences (positive/negative/question):

- We have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- We don't have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- Do you have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends?

You can use **much** and **a lot** without a noun:

- Amy spoke to me, but she didn't say **much**.
- 'Do you watch TV **much**?' 'No, **not much**.' (= not often)
- We like films, so we go to the cinema **a lot**. (*not* go to the cinema much)
- I don't like him very **much**.

**83.1** Write **much** or **many**.

- 1 Did you buy much food?
- 2 There aren't ..... hotels in this town.
- 3 We don't have ..... petrol. We need to stop and get some.
- 4 Were there ..... people on the train?
- 5 Did ..... students fail the exam?
- 6 Paula doesn't have ..... money.
- 7 I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat .....
- 8 I don't know where Gary lives these days. I haven't seen him for ..... years.

Write **How much** or **How many**.

- 9 ..... people are coming to the party?
- 10 ..... milk do you want in your coffee?
- 11 ..... bread did you buy?
- 12 ..... players are there in a football team?

**83.2** Complete the sentences. Use **much** or **many** with these words:

~~books~~ countries luggage people time times

- 1 I don't read very much. I don't have many books.
- 2 Hurry up! We don't have .....
- 3 Do you travel a lot? Have you been to ..... ?
- 4 Tina hasn't lived here very long, so she doesn't know .....
- 5 'Do you have ..... ?' 'No, only this bag.'
- 6 I know Tokyo well. I've been there .....

**83.3** Complete the sentences. Use **a lot of** + these words:

accidents ~~books~~ fun interesting things traffic

- 1 I like reading. I have a lot of books.
- 2 We enjoyed our visit to the museum. We saw .....
- 3 This road is very dangerous. There are .....
- 4 We enjoyed our holiday. We had .....
- 5 It took me a long time to drive here. There was .....

**83.4** In some of these sentences **much** is not natural. Change the sentences or write OK.

- 1 Do you drink much coffee? OK
- 2 I drink much tea. a lot of tea
- 3 It was a cold winter. We had much snow.
- 4 There wasn't much snow last winter.
- 5 It costs much money to travel around the world.
- 6 We had a cheap holiday. It didn't cost much.
- 7 Do you know much about computers?
- 8 'Do you have any luggage?' 'Yes, much.'

**83.5** Write sentences about these people. Use **much** and **a lot**.

- 1 James loves films. (go to the cinema) He goes to the cinema a lot.
- 2 Nicola thinks TV is boring. (watch TV) She doesn't watch TV much.
- 3 Tina is a good tennis player. (play tennis) She .....
- 4 Mark doesn't like driving. (use his car) He .....
- 5 Paul spends most of the time at home. (go out) .....
- 6 Sue has been all over the world. (travel) .....

We can use exact measures and numbers or approximations (**about, over, a lot of, not much, not many**) to answer **How much ... ? / How many ... ?** questions.

**Q: How many new customers do you have?**

**A: Over fifty.**

**A: We have a lot of customers in the morning.**

**Q: How much time do you need?**

**A: About two hours.**

**B: Not much.**

## 1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 How many / How much pasta do you sell?
- 2 How many / How much people work here?
- 3 How many / How much does it cost?
- 4 How many / How much work do you have?
- 5 I have a lot of / many time for meetings today.
- 6 Do we have much / many orders today?
- 7 I don't have much / any new emails this morning.
- 8 We don't have much / many food in the warehouse.

## 6 Complete the questions with *many* or *much*. Then match the questions and answers.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 How _____ people work in your company?                | a On some days, I don't get any. When we're busy, I receive a lot. |
| 2 How _____ money do you spend on travel each week?     | b A lot. The train to work costs £50 a week!                       |
| 3 How _____ emails do you receive every day?            | c Not many. Twenty in the office and twelve in the warehouse.      |
| 4 How _____ time do you have for lunch at work/college? | d About forty a week, from Monday to Friday.                       |
| 5 How _____ coffee do you drink every day?              | e Not much. About thirty minutes to an hour.                       |
| 6 How _____ hours do you work each week?                | f A lot! It helps me concentrate in meetings.                      |

## a/an and some

**a/an** + *singular countable nouns* (car/apple/shoe etc.):

- I need **a** new **car**.
- Would you like **an** **apple**?



**an** apple

**some** + *plural countable nouns* (cars/apples/shoes etc.):

- I need **some** new **shoes**.
- Would you like **some** **apples**?



**some** apples

**some** + *uncountable nouns* (water/money/music etc.):

- I need **some** **water**.
- Would you like **some** **cheese**?  
(or Would you like **a piece of** cheese?)



**some** cheese or  
**a piece of** cheese

Compare **a** and **some**:

- Nicola bought **a** **hat**, **some** **shoes** and **some** **perfume**.
- I read **a** **newspaper**, made **some** **phone calls**, and listened to **some** **music**.

Many nouns are sometimes countable and sometimes uncountable. For example:



**a** cake



**some** cakes



**some** cake or **a piece of** cake



**a** chicken



**some** chickens



**some** chicken or **a piece of** chicken

Compare **a paper** (= a newspaper) and **some paper**:

- I want something to read. I'm going to buy **a paper**.
- but  I want to make a shopping list. I need **some paper** / **a piece of paper**. (*not a paper*)

Be careful with:

**advice**   **bread**   **furniture**   **hair**   **information**   **news**   **weather**   **work**

These nouns are usually uncountable. So you can't say **a/an** ... (~~a bread, an advice~~), and they can't be plural (~~advices, furnitures~~ etc.).

- Can I talk to you? I need **some advice**. (*not an advice*)
- I'm going to buy **some bread**. (*not a bread*)
- They've got **some** nice **furniture** in their house. (*not furnitures*)
- Silvia has very long **hair**. (*not hairs*)
- Where can I get **some information** about hotels here? (*not informations*)
- Listen! I've just had **some** good **news**. (*not a good news*)
- It's nice **weather** today. (*not a nice weather*)
- 'Do you like your job?' 'Yes, but it's hard **work**.' (*not a hard work*)

We say **a job** (*but not a work*):

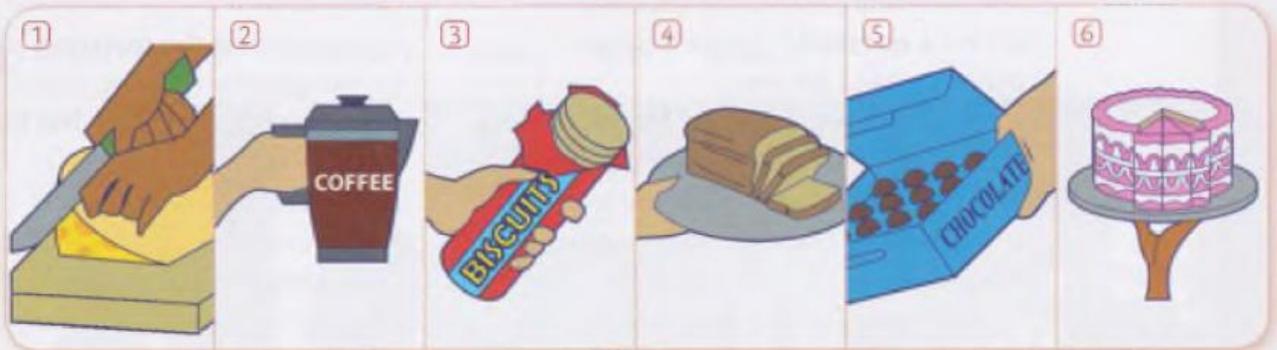
- I've got **a** new **job**. (*not a new work*)

**68.1** What can you see in these pictures? Use **a** or **some**.



- 1 some perfume, a hat and some shoes  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**68.2** Write sentences with **Would you like a ... ?** or **Would you like some ... ?**



- 1 Would you like some cheese?  
 2 Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 3 Would \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 6 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**68.3** Write **a/an** or **some**.

- 1 I read a book and listened to some music.
- 2 I need \_\_\_\_\_ money. I want to buy \_\_\_\_\_ food.
- 3 We met \_\_\_\_\_ interesting people at the party.
- 4 I'm going to open \_\_\_\_\_ window to get \_\_\_\_\_ fresh air.
- 5 Rachel didn't eat much for lunch – only \_\_\_\_\_ apple and \_\_\_\_\_ bread.
- 6 We live in \_\_\_\_\_ big house. There's \_\_\_\_\_ nice garden with \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful trees.
- 7 I'm going to make a table. First I need \_\_\_\_\_ wood.
- 8 Listen to me carefully. I'm going to give you \_\_\_\_\_ advice.
- 9 I want to make a list of things to do. I need \_\_\_\_\_ paper and \_\_\_\_\_ pen.

**68.4** Which is right?

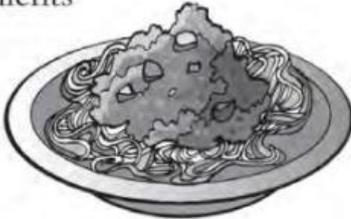
- 1 I'm going to buy some new shoe/shoes. (shoes is right)
- 2 Mark has brown eye/eyes.
- 3 Paula has short black hair/hairs.
- 4 The tour guide gave us some information/informations about the city.
- 5 We're going to buy some new chair/chairs.
- 6 We're going to buy some new furniture/furnitures.
- 7 It's hard to find a work/job at the moment.
- 8 We had wonderful weather / a wonderful weather when we were on holiday.

**5 Complete the sentences with a, an or some.**

- This is \_\_\_\_\_ old warehouse but \_\_\_\_\_ people still work here.
- He usually has \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich and \_\_\_\_\_ fruit for lunch.
- The truck arrives in \_\_\_\_\_ hour to deliver to \_\_\_\_\_ UK cities.
- I write \_\_\_\_\_ email to \_\_\_\_\_ customer in England every week.

**Spaghetti Bolognese**

Ingredients



an \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_

**Greek Salad**

Ingredients



an \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_  
 a \_\_\_\_\_

**Chicken Curry**

Ingredients



an \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_

**Prawn Paella**

Ingredients



an \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 some \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_

onion(s)

tomato(es)

herbs

spices

oil

garlic

beef

pasta  
(spaghetti)

potato(es)

chicken

rice

cucumber

olives

cheese  
(Feta)

stock

a lettuce

coconut milk

prawns

# some and any

A

**some**



Use **some** in *positive* sentences:

- I'm going to buy **some** clothes.
- There's **some** milk in the fridge.
- We made **some** mistakes.

**any**



Use **any** in *negative* sentences:

- I'm **not** going to buy **any** clothes.
- There **isn't any** milk in the fridge.
- We **didn't** make **any** mistakes.

B

**any** and **some** in questions

In most questions (but not all) we use **any** (*not some*):

- Is there **any** milk in the fridge?
- Does he have **any** friends?
- Do you need **any** help?



We normally use **some** (*not any*) when we *offer* things (**Would you like ... ?**):

- A: Would you like **some** coffee?
- B: Yes, please.

or when we *ask for* things (**Can I have ... ?** etc.):

- A: Can I have **some** soup, please?
- B: Yes. Help yourself.
- A: Can you lend me **some** money?
- B: Sure. How much do you need?



C

**some** and **any** without a noun

- I didn't take any pictures, but Jessica took **some**. (= some pictures)
- You can have some coffee, but I don't want **any**. (= any coffee)
- I've just made some coffee. Would you like **some**? (= some coffee)
- 'Where's your luggage?' 'I don't have **any**.' (= any luggage)
- 'Are there any biscuits?' 'Yes, there are **some** in the kitchen.' (= some biscuits)

**76.1** Write **some** or **any**.

- 1 I bought some cheese, but I didn't buy any bread.
- 2 In the middle of the room there was a table and ..... chairs.
- 3 There aren't ..... shops in this part of town.
- 4 Gary and Alice don't have ..... children.
- 5 Do you have ..... brothers or sisters?
- 6 There are ..... beautiful flowers in the garden.
- 7 Do you know ..... good hotels in London?
- 8 'Would you like ..... tea?' 'Yes, please.'
- 9 When we were on holiday, we visited ..... interesting places.
- 10 Don't buy ..... rice. We don't need .....
- 11 I went out to buy ..... bananas, but they didn't have ..... in the shop.
- 12 I'm thirsty. Can I have ..... water, please?

**76.2** Complete the sentences. Use **some** or **any** + the words in the box.

air            cheese    help            milk            questions  
batteries    friends    languages    pictures    -shampoo

- 1 I want to wash my hair. Is there any shampoo ?
- 2 The police want to talk to you. They want to ask you .....
- 3 I had my camera, but I didn't take .....
- 4 Do you speak ..... foreign ..... ?
- 5 Yesterday evening I went to a restaurant with ..... of mine.
- 6 Can I have ..... in my coffee, please?
- 7 The radio isn't working. There aren't ..... in it.
- 8 It's hot in this office. I'm going out for ..... fresh .....
- 9 A: Would you like ..... ?  
B: No, thank you. I've had enough to eat.
- 10 I can do this job alone. I don't need .....

**76.3** Complete the sentences. Use **some** or **any**.

- 1 Kate didn't take any pictures, but I took some. (I/take)
- 2 'Where's your luggage?' 'I don't have any.' (I/not/have)
- 3 'Do you need any money?' 'No, thank you. ....' (I/have)
- 4 'Can you lend me some money?' 'I'm sorry, but ....' (I/not/have)
- 5 The tomatoes in the shop didn't look very good, so .... (I/not/buy)
- 6 There were some nice oranges in the shop, so .... (I/buy)
- 7 'How much coffee did you drink yesterday?' '.....' (I/not/drink)

