

# Extra-practice

**Quantifiers:** *some, any, much, many, (a) few, (a) little, a lot of, lots of.*

## Much, many

- We use *much*, *many*, *a lot (of)* to talk about big quantities.
- We often use *much* in negative sentences and questions, with uncountable nouns.  
*I haven't got much time.*  
*Have you got much water?*
- We often use *many* in negative sentences and questions, with plural, countable nouns.  
*I haven't got many books.*  
*Have you got many books?*

## A lot of

We use *a lot of* in affirmative and negative sentences and in questions, with countable and uncountable nouns.

*I've got/I haven't got a lot of time/books.*

*Have you got a lot of time/ books?*

We use *of* when *a lot* comes before a noun. But when there is no noun after *a lot* we do not use *of*.

*Have you got any water? Yes, I've got a lot.*

*Are there any dictionaries? Yes, there are a lot.*

*A lot of* and *lots of* are the same.

*I've got a lot of time. = I've got lots of time.*

## some and any

We use *some* with uncountable nouns and with plural, countable nouns, in affirmative sentences.

*I've got some books. We've got some free time.*

We use *any* with uncountable nouns and with plural countable nouns, in negative sentences and questions.

*I haven't got any money.*

*He hasn't got any friends.*

*Have you got any free time?*

*Are there any books?*

## (a) few, (a) little,

We use *a few* and *a little* to talk about small quantities.

We use *a few* with plural, countable nouns.

*There are only a few problems.*





We use *a little* with uncountable nouns.

*We've only got a little time.*

The article changes the meaning

- I've got **a few** t-shirts (some)
- I've got **few** t-shirts (not many)
- There's **a little** cola (some)
- There's **little** cola (not much)

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEW / A FEW, LITTLE / A LITTLE.

 <p>Liz has got <b>a few</b> apples. She can make an apple pie.</p>	 <p>Mary has got <b>(very) few</b> apples. She can't make an apple pie.</p>
 <p>Tom has got <b>a little</b> money. He can go to the restaurant.</p>	 <p>Peter has got <b>(very) little</b> money. He can't go to the restaurant.</p>

♡ A few means 'not many, but enough.'

e.g. We've got a few oranges. We can make some juice. (= We've got enough oranges.)

Few means 'hardly any, almost none' and can go with *very* for emphasis.

e.g. There are (very) few biscuits in the box. It is almost empty. (There are only one or two biscuits.)

♡ A little means 'not much, but enough.'

e.g. She's got a little time. She can go shopping.

Little means 'hardly any, almost nothing' and can go with *very* for emphasis.

e.g. We've got (very) little coffee. There's not enough for all of us.

**Activity 1.** Complete with *many, much, a lot of*.

1. **A:** I've got..... spare time today.  
**B:** Great! Let's go shopping together.
2. **A:** Are there ..... cinemas in this town?  
**B:** No, there's only one.
3. **A:** There isn't..... snow on the ground.  
**B:** No, the sun has melted it.
4. **A:** There are ..... flowers in the garden.  
**B:** Yes, they're beautiful, aren't they?

5. **A:** How ..... times did you have a shower yesterday?  
**B:** Three! It was a very hot day.
6. **A:** I've got..... things to do today.  
**B:** I'm busy today, too.
7. **A:** There isn't..... water in the vase. The flowers will die.  
**B:** I'll put some more in.
8. **A:** Helen is always alone.  
**B:** No she isn't. She's got ..... friends

**Activity 2.** Complete with *few, little or a little*.

- a. Shall I make ..... cakes for tea on Sunday?
- b. I hope there are..... people I know at the party.
- c. Could I have..... milk in my cup, please?
- d. The train drivers are on strike. Very ..... people came to work.
- e. I hope you've almost finished. There is very..... time left.

- f. It's cold. That's why there are very ..... children in the park today.
- g. Do you need ..... more days to think about my proposal?
- h. We must go shopping. There's very ..... food in the fridge.
- i. I'm bored. There's very ..... to do on Wednesday evenings.
- j. I'm sorry. I'm (a little) ..... late. We're having problems at work.

**Activity 3.** Chose the correct alternative to complete each sentence.

- a. I don't have **some / any** green peppers for the recipe.
- b. We need **some / any** orange juice.
- c. She doesn't eat **some / any** meat.
- d. Add **some / any** water to the soup.
- e. We don't have **some / any** bread.
- f. My aunt knows **some / any** great recipes.
- g. She doesn't use **some / any** salt in her cooking.
- h. Adam doesn't want **some/any** soup.
- i. I need **some / any** money for groceries.
- j. He doesn't need **some / any** help.