

# 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?*

## 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 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.*

## (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)

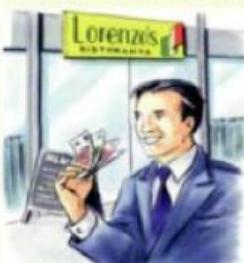
## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEW / A FEW, LITTLE / A LITTLE.



Liz has got **a few** apples. She can make an apple pie.



Mary has got **(very) few** apples. She can't make an apple pie.



Tom has got **a little** money. He can go to the restaurant.



Peter has got **(very) little** money. He can't go to the restaurant.

♡ **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:** 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.** Choose 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.