



Quantifiers

Introduction and Examples

- Grammar lesson (A1 Much, many, a lot of, a little, a few)
- I play football a lot.
- I have many footballs.
- I have a few footballs.
- I don't have much football.
- I have a little football equipment.

Much / Many

- **Many** for countable, **much** for uncountable in (?) (-)
- We use **much/many** in **negative** sentences and **questions**. We use **many** before **plural countable** nouns and **much** before **uncountable** nouns. We don't normally use them in affirmative sentences.
- - _There isn't **much coffee** in the jar._
- - _Were there **many people** at the party?_

How Much / How Many

- We use **how many** + plural nouns and **how much** + uncountable nouns to ask about quantity.
- - **How many books** did you read last semester?
- - **How much coffee** do you drink every day?
- We can also say **How much is it?** to ask about the price of an item.
- - 'How **much** is it?' 'It's 43 pounds.'
- - 'How **much** are the trousers?' 'They're 58 pounds.'

A Lot (Of)

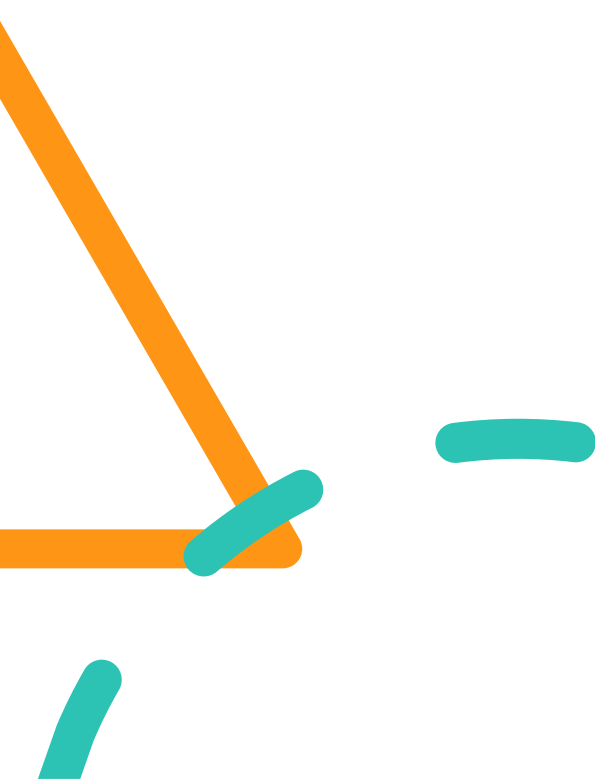
- Before both countable and uncountable
- We use **a lot of** before both **plural countable** and **uncountable** nouns to talk about a **large quantity**. We normally use **a lot of** in positive sentences.
- - She spends **a lot of time** watching TV.
- - We had **lots of good** moments together.
- We can say **quite a lot of** to talk about **medium quantity**.
- - With my new job, I have **quite a lot of free time**.
- It is also possible to use **a lot of** in negative sentences and questions.
- - Do you eat **a lot of sugar**?
- - I don't read **a lot of books**.

A Lot (Of) - 'Of' vs. 'A Lot'

- **Of** before noun; ~ ~ **of** ~ ~ at the end of sentence
- We must always use **a lot of** including **of** before a noun. However, we can use **a lot** (without **of**) at the end of a sentence or in short answers.
- - 'How many beers did you have?' 'I don't know; I had **a lot**.'
- - I like her **a lot**.
- - 'How much coffee did you have?' '**A lot**.'



A Few / A Little

- **A few** for countable; **a little** for uncountable
 - We use **a few** before **plural countable** nouns and **a little** before **uncountable** nouns in affirmative, negative and interrogative sentences to talk about a **small quantity**.
 - - I have to do **a few things** this afternoon.
 - - I always put **a little milk** in my tea.
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A Few / A Little - Not Many / Not Much

- Not many, not much
- We can also use **not many** + **plural countable** or **not much** + **uncountable** nouns.
The meaning is similar.
- - I **don't** have to do **many things** this afternoon.
- - I **don't** put **much milk** in my tea.

A Few / A Little - Zero Quantity

- No/not...any/none
- When we want to talk about **zero quantity**, we can use **no** + noun or **not...any** + noun. The meaning is the same.
- - I have **no time** today.
- - I **don't** have **any time** today.
- In short answers, we use **none**.
- - 'How much time do you have?' '**None.**'