

Quantifiers: Many, Much

FORM:

Before countable nouns: many, quite a few, a lot of / lots of

Before uncountable nouns: much, a lot of / lots of

USE:

Countables:

Many: “**Many**” is used for an inexact, but relatively large number of things. It is used with nouns that can be counted, such as dollars or cheques. It is often used in questions and negatives. It is also used in affirmative sentences, but less often in affirmatives with people as the subject

Quite a few: “**Quite a few**” is used to describe an inexact number that is slightly larger than would be “normal”.

A lot of / Lots of: These terms are used to describe a large but inexact quantity. They have the same use and meaning.

Uncountables:

Much: Like many, “**much**” describes an inexact but relatively large quantity. It is used with nouns that cannot be counted, such as money or information. It is not normally used in affirmative sentences, but **only in questions and negatives**. **You cannot say**, “*This computer virus is giving us much trouble.*” You have to say, “*This computer virus is giving us a lot of trouble.*”

A lot of / Lots of: These terms have the same meaning and are used with countable and uncountable nouns.

EXAMPLES:

There aren't many people at the stadium tonight.

There were quite a few here last night.

There will be a lot of people to see the Toronto Blue Jays game this weekend.

My neighbours don't have much interest in baseball.

This team has lots of talent.

Intermediate 1 – Exercise 16 – Quantifiers: Many, Much

Complete the following sentences with words of your own.

1. There is _____ furniture in that room.
2. There are many _____
3. There are quite a few _____
4. There is a little _____
5. _____ houses on our street.
6. There isn't _____ money in my wallet.
7. There is _____ milk in the fridge.
8. I don't take _____ sugar in my tea.
9. They have lots of _____
10. There's not much _____

Choose the correct word.

1. There is _____ orange juice in this bottle.
2. He smokes _____ cigarettes in the evening.
3. We had _____ money on us.
4. Jack sat with us for _____ hours.
5. There is not _____ oil in Ecuador.
6. There are a _____ reasons for his unhappiness.
7. Do you have a _____ extra pencils?
8. How _____ pages are there in your book?
9. Mary spends _____ time on her homework.
10. This town has _____ important industries.
11. Is there _____ snow in the mountains?
12. There is _____ milk in the pitcher.

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13. Have you received _____ valuable information from them?
14. There are just a _____ bills to be paid this month.
15. We learned _____ new words from this article.
16. There were _____ people living in this building.
17. He didn't ask me _____ questions.
18. Helen doesn't eat _____ candy.

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