

Quantifiers: To Replace the Noun Phrase

USE: • To make our communication more efficient, we can replace a non-specific noun phrase with a quantifier if it is clear what the quantifier is referring to.

For example:

Do many South Americans speak Japanese?

No, **hardly any** speak Japanese. (We can leave out *South Americans* because it is clearly understood)

• But be careful. We can not do this with all quantifiers. We can not do this with *no*, *each* or *every*. To answer the same question, *Do many South Americans speak Japanese?*

We CANNOT say:

No, **no** speak Japanese.

Yes, **every** speak Japanese.

Yes, **each** speak Japanese.

But we CAN say:

No, **none** speak Japanese.

Yes, **everyone** does.

Yes, **each person** speaks Japanese.

• Much and many are also an exception. We can only use them with negative sentences or with not. To answer the question, *Do you have much coffee?*

We can NOT say

Yes, I have **much**.

But we CAN say

No, I **don't** have **much**.

Answer the questions below, using the correct **QUANTIFIER** to replace the non-specific noun phrase. Make sure you use a full sentence in your answer.

1. How many of your friends have studied overseas?

2. Do you have a lot of vacation time?

3. Do you have much time to study every night?

4. How much money does it take to study at university in your country?

5. Do you have many English books?
