QUANTIFIERS

MUCH, A LITTLE MANY, FEW, A FEW



A LOT OF, LOTS OF If you want to use quantifiers correctly, you have to check first whether the noun is...

...COUNTABLE
OR
UNCOUNTABLE!

For example: is «fruit» countable or uncountable?

Of couse «fruit» is UNCOUNTABLE

But I can count the types of fruit inside this basket



One apricot, two apricots.....



In my basket there are:

- A pineapple
- 3 bananas
- A cherry
- 4 straberries
- 2 lemons
- An orange
- 10 blueberries
- 1 raspberry
- A peach
- An apricot

These are

COUNTABLE

Can you tell me whether the following nouns are COUNTABLE or UNCOUNTABLE?



- Advice
- Skirt
- Tie
- Cup
- Information
- Coffee
- Chocolate
- News
- Toothpaste
- Water
- Pasta
- Toothbrush
- Gold
- Milk
- Furniture
- Chair

And these are the answers. How many did you guess?



Skirt

• Tie

C

U

• Cup

C

Information

U

Coffee

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Chocolate

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• News

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Toothpaste

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Water

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Pasta

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Toothbrush

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Gold

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Milk

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Furniture

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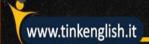
Chair

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It was a piece of cake, wasn't it?

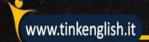


Now you always have to bear in mind the difference between a countable and uncountable noun when you need to translate «molto» or «poco»in English:



| QUANTIFIER «molto/i/e» | SENTENCES | NOUNS | EXAMPLES |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|---|
| A LOT OF or LOTS OF | AFFIRMATIVE | COUNTABLE | C You have <u>a lot of friends</u> U You have <u>a lot of money</u> |
| MUCH | AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE INTERROGATIVE | UNCOUNTABLE | I. Do you have much money?N. You don't have much money |
| MANY | AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE INTERROGATIVE | COUNTABLE | I. Do you have many friends? N. You don't have many friends. |





| QUANTIFIER «poco/chi/che » | SENTENCES | NOUNS | EXAMPLES |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|---|
| A little | AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE INTERROGATIVE | UNCOUNTABLE | I. Do you have a little money?N. You don't have a little money |
| Few, a few | AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE INTERROGATIVE | COUNTABLE | I. Do you have few friends?N. You don't have few friends. |



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Choose the correct quantifier.

a few

a little



- 1. _____ Spanish words
- 2. ____ days









7. ____ apples



- 9. ____ knowledge
- 10. ____ pencils















Talking about small amounts......

.. rather than « a little» you may hear « a bit»:

- I had a bit of cake yesterday.
- The movie was a bit boring

....or even «a tad»:
«Can you move to the left a tad more?»

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If you want to ask about quantities, you have to use ***HOW****

..and add «Much» or «Many», following the rules we have studied so far.



| Quantifier | Noun | Examples |
|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| How much | Unountable | How much tea would you like? |
| How many | Countable | How many pages do I have to read? |

EXERCISES

1. There aren't.....car parks in the centre of Oxford. 2. Eating out is not cheap here. There are... fancy restaurants. 3. Liverpool has.....of great nightclubs. 4. Hurry up! We only have.....time before the coach leaves. 5. We saw.....beautiful woods when we went to Austria. 6. It's very quiet. There aren't.....people here today. 7. There areexpensive new flats next to the river. 8. How.....water do you need? 9. There isn't.....furniture in this house. 10. He is so lonely, I think he has justfriends. 11. Howassistants does he require? 12. I am just.....late. 13. She never writesmessages in the class chat.



That's all folks for today.
But let me ask you a question first......

Is this rule «a piece of cake»......

a a few

a lot of

no

many

much

putaber of

....or just «mumbo jumbo»?;)

a number of

lenty of

of none