

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 course
«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 strawberries
- 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?



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



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 UNCOUNTABLE	C You have <u>a lot of</u> friends U You have <u>a lot of</u> money
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
3. _____ books
4. _____ lemonade
5. _____ sugar
6. _____ toys
7. _____ apples
8. _____ money
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?»



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	U nountable	How much tea would you like?
How many	C ountable	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 are.....expensive 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 just.....friends.
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».....

.....or just
«mumbo
jumbo»? ;)

a

a few

a lot of

no

many

much

a great

a

number of

a number of

any

plenty of

lot of

none

