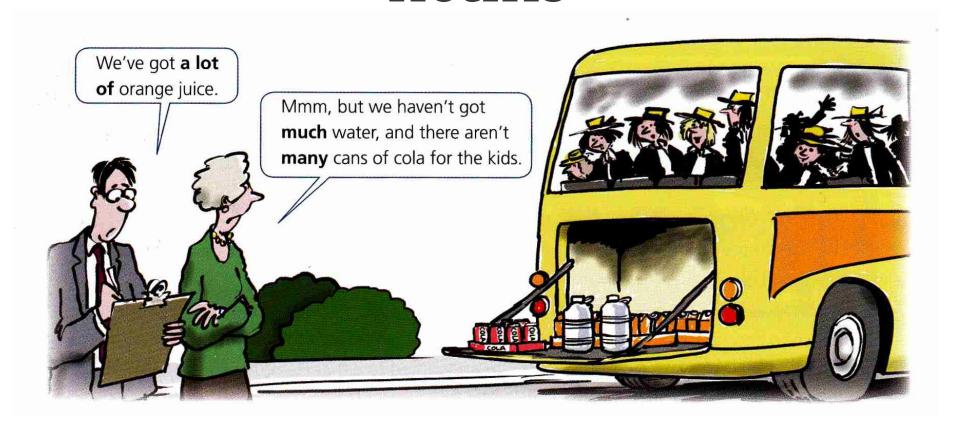
Much & Many... countable & uncountable nouns



Grammar: Determiners (much, many, some, etc

These determiners are used to talk about quantity: some, any, a little, a few, much, many, a lot of.

We use some and any before uncountable nouns or plural countable nouns to mean a number of or an amount of.

- Some is used in affirmative sentences.
 I've got some apples. There's some tea on the table.
- Any is used in negative sentences and in questions. Did the supermarket have any chicken? We haven't got any carrots. Have you got any bananas? There isn't any meat in the fridge.
- Some can also be used in questions, but only if they are offers or requests.
 Would you like some cake?

Can I have some cake?

We use a little and a few to refer to small amounts.

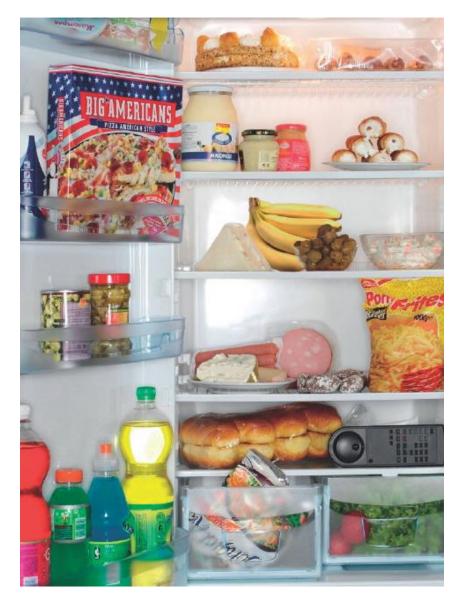
- We use a little with uncountable nouns.
 We only need a little milk for the cake.
- We use a few with plural countable nouns.

 Meals are healthier if γου add a few vegetables.

 Much and many are used in negative sentences and questions to talk about larger quantities.
- We use much with uncountable nouns. Have you got much rice? There isn't much coffee.
- We use many with plural countable nouns.
 Are there many glasses in the cupboard? ~ Yes, but there aren't many plates.

We generally use *a lot of* to talk about larger quantities in affirmative sentences, for both uncountable and plural countable nouns. It is also possible to use *a lot of* in negatives and in questions.

Ellie eats a lot of fruit and vegetables. A lot of people like Italian food.





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• To count uncountable nouns, or to refer to a specific amount of something, we can use phrases like a piece of, a bit of, a slice of, etc. Here are some examples:

a bar of chocolate	a drop of water	a litre of water	a slice of cake
a bit of cheese	a glass of orange juice	a lump of sugar	a spoonful of salt
a blob of paint	a gram of sugar	a piece of furniture	a spot of blood
a bottle of cola	a handful of rice	a pile of rubbish	a touch of glamour
a can of lemonade	a jar of jam	a pool of blood	a tube of toothpaste
a carton of milk	a kilo of rice	a portion of chicken	
a cup of coffee	a loaf of bread	a sheet of paper	

• Some nouns can be both countable and uncountable. Here are examples:

Noun	Example (countable)	Example (uncountable)
chicken	He sat there and ate a whole chicken .	I'll have some chicken and chips, please
coffee	I'd love a coffee now. (= a cup)	Is there any coffee left?
experience	Failing an exam was a new experience for me.	Have you had any previous experience?
fruit	A kumquat is an exotic f ruit .	You should eat fruit every day.
hair	The cat has left white hairs all over the sofa.	Get your hair cut – it's getting too long.
juice	I'd like an orange juice, please. (= a glass)	There's some apple juice in the fridge.
noise	I heard a noise outside the window.	Stop making so much noise!



Grammar: Exercises

Are these nouns countable or uncountable? Circle the correct answer

1.	Rice	countable / uncountable
2.	Chair	countable / uncountable
3.	News	countable / uncountable
4.	Job	countable / uncountable
5.	Trip	countable / uncountable
6.	Pasta	countable / uncountable
7.	Information	countable / uncountable
8.	Homework	countable / uncountable
9.	Essay	countable / uncountable
10.	Luggage	countable / uncountable
11.	Advice	countable / uncountable
12.	Cup	countable / uncountable
13.	Car	countable / uncountable
14.	Research	countable / uncountable
15.	University	countable / uncountable
16.	Progress	countable / uncountable
17.	Help	countable / uncountable
18.	Equipment	countable / uncountable
19.	Peace	countable / uncountable
20.	City	countable / uncountable

Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I've got a lot of milk.
 - b I've got much milk.
- 2 a There isn't many coffee left.
 - b There isn't much coffee left.
- 3 a I'm only buying a little grapes.
 - b I'm only buying a few grapes.
- 4 a We haven't got any ice cream, I'm afra
 - b We haven't got some ice cream, I'm afraid.
- 5 a Can I have any tea?
 - b Can I have some tea?
- 6 a Do you want much bottles of water?
 - b Do you want many bottles of water?
- 7 a People eat much junk food these days.
 - b People eat a lot of junk food these days.
- 8 a Are there any onions in the cupboard?
 - b Are there some onions in the cupboard?

Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word that you do not need.

Е	much ≡ little ≡ any ≡ some ≡ a lot of ≡ many ≡ few
1	The bus was late because there was traffic.
2	Chloe doesn't takeclothes on holiday.
3	There are only asandwiches here. We need more for the picnic.
	If you like sweet tea, you should only add asugar, as it's bad for your teeth.
5	Have you gotinformation about places to visit around here?

6 There isn't _____ water left – only half a bottle.



Grammar: Exercises

Complete the conversation with the words and phrases from the box.

a little a lot not much many much many not many

JEZ Let's get something to eat. Are there (0) many....... restaurants here?

ALI Yes, there are quite (1), but there's (2) variety. What kinds of food do you like?

JEZ Well, I eat too (3) junk food so I'd prefer something different. Are there any British restaurants here?

ALI Yes, but (4) There are only two, I think, and they're expensive. Do you eat much Indian food?

JEZ Well, I have tried (5) Indian food before, but I'm not very keen on it – sorry, Ali. I know you love it. What about Chinese?

ALI Oh, there are so (6) Chinese restaurants here that everyone gets bored with Chinese food! I know – we both like Italian. Let's go to Giovanni's.



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- Yes, but (4) **Not many**. There are only two, I think, and they're expensive. Do you eat much Indian food?
- Well, I have tried (5) Alittle Indian food before, but I'm not very keen on it sorry, Ali. I know you love it. What about Chinese?

