Quantifiers – Many & Much

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QUANTIFIERS

A. Introduction

A **quantifier** is a word that comes before a **noun** (a person, place, or thing). It shows the **quantity** (amount) of that noun.

In the chart below, note that the percentages are only approximate numbers to help you understand the general amounts of each quantifier. Quantifiers have no specific amounts attached to them.

Amount	Quantifier
100%	• all • every
95%	• almost all • almost every
90%	• most
80%	• many • much • a lot of • lots of
50%	• some
30%	• several
20%	• a few • few • a little • little
10%	• a couple
5%	• almost no
0%	• no
depends on context	• each • any

Note:

This lesson will focus on the common quantifiers *many* and *much*.

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B. Many & Much

Quantifier	**Many**	**Much**
Meaning	a lot, a large number	a lot, a large amount
When to Use	• before **plural, count nouns** • in affirmative (positive) sentences, negative sentences, and questions	• before **non-count nouns** • in negative sentences and questions
Examples	• She owns many dogs. • We don't have many books for sale. • How many cookies do you want?	• He wasn't much help on moving day. • How much ice cream do you want? • How much does it cost? *(= how much money?)*
Exceptions	A plural count noun usually ends in **-s**, but remember that there are some common plural nouns that don't end in -s. • Many **people** attended the concert. • My grandpa doesn't have many **teeth**. • How many **children** do you have?	*Much* is **not** common in affirmative sentences, but it is possible (note that *much* sounds quite formal in affirmative sentences). • Much time was wasted that day.
	To emphasize *many*, use so + many, too + many, or many + more. • There were so many kids at the park. • Too many spices will ruin the sauce. • We need to spend many more hours on this project.	To emphasize *much*, use so + much, too + much, or much + more. *Much* is common in affirmative sentences in this case. • I feel so much love for my kids. • She always puts too much milk in the batter. • How much more money do you want to borrow?

Exercise 1

NOUNS

Fill in the blanks using *many* or *much*.

1. ___much___ time
2. _____ animals
3. _____ music
4. _____ movies
5. _____ rain

6. _____ trees
7. _____ food
8. _____ water
9. _____ lakes
10. _____ chairs

Exercise 2

NEGATIVE SENTENCES & QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks using *many* or *much*.

1. He doesn't have ___many___ tools.
2. We don't have _____ time.
3. Do you need _____ things from the store?
4. Their kids don't get _____ toys at Christmas.
5. How _____ did you spend?
6. How _____ pairs of jeans did you buy?
7. There aren't _____ movies that you like.
8. How _____ pairs of shoes did you bring?
9. She doesn't own _____ video games.
10. Do they need _____ help?

Exercise 3

DIALOGUE

Two classmates are talking before class.
Complete the dialogue using *many* and *much*. Circle the correct quantifier.
When you're finished, read the dialogue out loud with a partner.

Mia: Hey, Julia! Are you ready for the test today?

Julia: Hi, Mia. Not really. I didn't get _____ studying done last night. How about you?
1. many /(much)

Mia: I studied a lot!

Julia: How _____ hours did you study for?
2. many / much

Mia: I studied for so _____ hours that I lost track of time. Why didn't you get _____ studying done?
3. many / much   4. many / much

Julia: My best friend called me from Mexico, and we talked for _____ hours. I didn't get _____ sleep!
5. many / much   6. many / much

Mia: How _____ sleep did you get?
7. many / much

Julia: I only slept for about three hours.

Mia: Wow, that's not _____ !
8. many / much

[The teacher enters the room and makes an announcement.]

Julia: Hey, did you just hear that? There are too _____ students absent
9. many / much

because there's too _____ snow on the roads! The test will be tomorrow instead!
10. many / much

Mia: That's lucky! Do you want me to help you study?

Julia: That would be great! Thanks!

Exercise 4

CLASS SURVEY

Create your own class survey! Write six questions using *many* and *much*.
Then ask your classmates these questions, and write their answers on the right.
Try to speak to a new classmate for each question.

#	Question	Answer
Ex.	How much time do you spend on your homework every night?	Nadia spends two hours on her homework every night.
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Exercise 5

WRITING

Imagine you went to a big party last weekend. Describe the party, the people, the food, the decorations, the music, etc. Use *many* and *much* in your sentences as often as possible.

> ### Example
>
> *I went to a party last weekend. There were so many people there! They played many pop songs, and everyone had fun dancing. There wasn't much food, so I was hungry...*

Exercise 6

QUIZ

Circle the correct answer.

1. They don't own _____ cars.

   a) many
   b) much

2. _____ parents attended the performance.

   a) Many
   b) Much

3. He never got _____ attention as a child.

   a) many
   b) much

4. How _____ hours did you study last night?

   a) many
   b) much

5. There are _____ clouds in the sky.

   a) many
   b) much

6. Did you borrow _____ money from her?

   a) many
   b) much

7. Her children watch _____ TV shows on weekends.

   a) many
   b) much

8. I completed _____ projects this month.

   a) many
   b) much

9. How _____ pizza did you eat?

   a) many
   b) much

10. She gave _____ speeches last year.

    a) many
    b) much

11. _____ people like action movies.

    a) Many
    b) Much

12. We didn't have _____ time to finish the book report.

    a) many
    b) much