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GRAMMAR

Quantifiers

I can use a wide range of quantifiers with countable and uncountable nouns.

1 **SPEAKING** Discuss the questions.

1 Which of these types of shoes have you got?

(ballet flats knee-high boots flip-flops
high heels sandals trainers)

2 Where is the best shoe shop in your city?

3 When was the last time you bought a pair of shoes?

2 Read the text. What happens when you buy a pair of TOMS shoes?



Do you have too many pairs of shoes? How many pairs do you need? Most people have a few pairs of trainers, some smart shoes, a pair of boots and some sandals. But can you imagine living without any shoes at all?

Blake Mycoskie was shocked when he found out that a lot of children around the world were growing up without any shoes. So he set up a company called

Shoes for Tomorrow (TOMS). Every time he sells a pair, he gives a free pair to a child in need. He doesn't have to do much advertising – when people hear about TOMS, they tell one another. Over the years, he's given away lots of shoes to people in need – more than a million, in fact. TOMS has become the One for One™ company who give eyewear as well as shoes to people around the world. With a little imagination and a lot of hard work, Mycoskie has transformed the lives of a lot of people.

3 Look at the examples of nouns and quantifiers in blue in the text. Which of the underlined nouns are countable and which are uncountable?

4 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Complete the rules using *countable* and *uncountable*.

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You can use different expressions to talk about quantity:

- With ¹ _____ nouns you use:
very few/a few/too many/How many?
- With ² _____ nouns you use:
very little/a little/too much/How much?
- With both ³ _____ and ⁴ _____ nouns you use:
any/some/a lot of/lots of

Note: Usually, you use **a few**, **a little** or **some** in affirmative sentences and **many**, **much** or **any** in negative sentences and questions.

5 Read the text and choose the correct quantifiers.

FAQ

How did TOMS begin?

When Blake Mycoskie was twenty-nine, he took ¹ *a little / a few* time off work to go travelling. He met a charity worker, and she told him how ² *much / many* children in developing countries were without shoes. This gave Mycoskie an idea for a shoe company, and a way to help ³ *some / any* of these children.

How ⁴ *much / many* difference can a simple pair of shoes make to so ⁵ *much / many* children's lives?

A pair of shoes can make ⁶ *many / a lot of* difference to a child. Firstly, there are ⁷ *lots of / a little* diseases in the soil, and shoes protect children's feet. Secondly, ⁸ *very few / very little* schools allow children to attend classes without shoes. So shoes help children to get an education.

6 Complete the sentences with the correct Present Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- There are (be) lots of shoe shops near here.
- A lot of people _____ (do) their shopping online.
- There _____ (be) a lot of pollution in our city.
- A lot of fast food _____ (be) bad for you.
- Lots of department stores _____ (be) closed on Sundays.
- A lot of people in my country _____ (know) about TOMS.

7 Read REMEMBER THIS. Then rewrite the sentences in Exercise 6, replacing *a lot of/lots of* with *little* or *few*. Which sentences from Exercises 6 and 7 are true?

1 *There are few shoe shops near here.*

REMEMBER THIS

little = not much	BUT	a little = some
few = not many		a few = some

8 Make the sentences negative using *not much* or *not many*. Which sentences are true for you?

- I eat a lot of bread. → *I don't eat much bread.*
- I send a lot of texts. → _____
- I drink a lot of water. → _____
- I do a lot of homework. → _____
- I talk to a lot of people. → _____

9 **SPEAKING** What's your typical school day? Use *How much ...?* or *How many ...?* with the activities in Exercise 8 and the activities in the box. Ask and answer the questions as in the example.

(watch/television spend/time online do/exercise
spend/money listen to/music get/sleep)

A: *How much bread do you eat?*

B: *Lots. How about you?*

A: *Very little. I don't like bread.*

FOCUS VLOG 33 About clothes

33 Watch the Focus Vlog. For the worksheet, go to page 129.