

7.5 Quantifiers

To talk or ask about quantities, we use the following quantifiers:

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
How many? <i>How many friends have you got?</i>	How much? <i>How much money have you got?</i>
(very) few <i>I've got (very) few friends.</i>	(very) little <i>I've got (very) little money.</i>
a few <i>I've got a few friends.</i>	a little <i>I've got a little money.</i>
some <i>I've got some friends.</i> <i>I've got some money.</i>	
many <i>Have you got many friends?</i> <i>I haven't got many friends.</i>	much <i>Have you got much money?</i> <i>I haven't got much money.</i>
a lot of / lots of <i>I've got a lot of/lots of friends.</i> <i>I've got a lot of/lots of money.</i>	
too many <i>I've got too many friends.</i>	too much <i>I've got too much money.</i>
any <i>Have you got any friends?</i> <i>Have you got any money?</i>	
any <i>I haven't got any friends.</i> <i>I haven't got any money.</i>	

1 Complete the dialogue with quantifiers in the box.

[any (x2) how many little lot of some too much]

Pia: Thanks for inviting me to your party, Sam. You've got a ¹ _____ presents! ² _____ do you think you've got?

Sam: Maybe ten or twelve. And my parents gave me ³ _____ money. Have you had ⁴ _____ birthday cake? It's really delicious. Here, try some.

Pia: Oh, thanks, I'll have just a ⁵ _____, please. I've already eaten quite a lot. Have you got ⁶ _____ orange juice?

Sam: Yes, I bought 20 litres. I think we have ⁷ _____

2 Complete the sentences with *few*, *little*, *a few* or *a little*.

- 'Have you read any books by Stevenson?' 'Yes, I've read _____.'
- He's got very _____ friends.
- There were very _____ people at the party.
- The teacher gave us _____ extra time for the exercise, so I could complete it.
- The teacher gave us _____ time for the exercise. I couldn't complete it.
- He had _____ soup for supper.
- He always has very _____ sugar in his coffee.
- Buy _____ bananas when you go to the supermarket, please.

3 Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *some*, *any*, *how much* or *how many*.

- 'Have you got _____ orange juice?' 'There's _____ in the fridge.'
- 'Did you buy _____ milk?' 'No, I forgot. But there is _____ carton left in the fridge.'
- Would you like _____ apple? There are _____ in the fruit bowl.
- 'Would you like _____ water?' 'Yes, please. I'll have _____ glass.'
- '_____ cola do we need?' 'I don't know. There'll be twenty people at the party.' 'Will _____ can each be enough?'
- Would you like _____ chocolate? There's a bar on the table. Have some!
- _____ pieces of cake have you eaten? Didn't you say you were on a diet?
- I'd like _____ egg and some toast for breakfast, but there aren't _____ eggs.
- '_____ cola do you want?' 'I don't want _____.'
- '_____ bottles of water do we need for the picnic?' '... Just one. Our friends are bringing _____ too.'

4 Choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

- There are a _____ shopping centres in this town.
A lots B lots of C lot of
- I don't like this shop because there are _____ products to choose from.
A very few B very little C a few
- In tourist areas, there are _____ many of exactly the same shops.
A a bit B too C far
- Ellen got _____ money for her birthday, so she's going shopping.
A a little B a few C little
- I haven't bought _____ new clothes this year.
A much B some C any
- Julie, _____ online shopping sites do you use?
A any B how many C how much