Lesson 11

Quantifiers

some
any
much
many
a few
a little
a lot of
Quantifiers

1. Some – Any
2. A lot of
3. Many – Much
4. A few – A little
Quantifiers

some,

any
We use ‘some’ and ‘any’ for a number (more than one) or an amount of something.

The exact number or amount is not important.
Use ‘some’ before nouns in the plural, like this:

Examples:
- some students
- some banks
- some boys
- some girls
- some dogs
Some banks are open on Saturdays.

Some animals are very clever.

Some people can’t swim.

There are some apples on the table.
Use ‘some’ with uncountable nouns, like this:

Examples:

- some water
- some bread
- some petrol
- some coffee
- some chocolate
We need some petrol.

There’s some water on the table.

I’ve got some money in my wallet.
Use ‘any’ after not (in negative sentences):

Examples:

He didn’t give me any money.
There weren’t any cars.
We haven’t got any children.
Use ‘any’ in questions, like these:

Examples:

Do you have any questions?
Did you take any photos?
Have you got any money?
You can leave out the noun after ‘some’ or ‘any’ if you have talked about it before.

Examples:

A: Have you got any money?
B: Yes, I have got some. / No, I haven’t got any.
## Some - Any

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You can also use “some” in questions when you make offers, for example:

Examples:

Would you like some coffee?
Can I have some pizza?
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a lot of
We use “a lot of” with all nouns, countable and uncountable.

Examples:
- a lot of houses
- a lot of books
- a lot of people
- a lot of money
- a lot of music
There are a lot of children in our street.

I saw a lot of animals in the zoo.

He has got a lot of money.

I drank a lot of tea this morning.
In informal English we can use ‘lots of’ instead of ‘a lot of’.

Examples:
- lots of houses
- lots of books
- lots of people
- lots of money
- lots of music
Quantifiers

many – much
We use “many” with countable nouns in negative sentences, for example:

**Examples:**

- I haven’t got many friends.
- She can’t speak many languages.
We use "many" with countable nouns in questions as "how many?"

Examples:

- How many people are there in the class?
- Are there many shops in the village?
We use "much" with uncountable nouns in negative sentences, for example:

Examples:
- There isn’t much milk left.
- I don’t have much homework.
We use “much” with uncountable nouns in questions as ‘how much’:

Examples;

How much milk is there in the fridge?
Do you eat much meat?
Quantifiers

a few – a little
"A few" means ‘not many’. We use "a few" with countable nouns like this:

Examples:
- There are a few tickets in the ticket window.
- There are a few days for the holiday.
“A little” means ‘not much’.
We use “a little” with uncountable nouns like this:

Examples:

- I have got a little time.
- There was a little milk in the fridge.
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Exercises

Quantifiers

Some-Any

Many-Much

A lot of

A few-A little
A. Find the mistakes and correct them.

1. There is any milk in the fridge. We need to buy some.
   There is a little milk in the fridge. ...

2. I’d like any water, please.

3. We’ve got any nice cakes today.

4. How many bread did you eat?

5. There are only a lot of students in the classroom.
B. Make the following sentences negative. Replace ‘a lot of’ with ‘much’ or ‘many’.

1. Jack watches a lot of TV. .................................................................
2. She drinks a lot of tea. .................................................................
3. I write a lot of letters. .................................................................
4. Ali eats a lot of bread. .................................................................
5. We have a lot of homework. ..............................................................

Jack doesn’t watch much TV.
C. Ask questions, using ‘How much..?’ or ‘How many..?’ to complete the sentences.

1. students / classroom? .................................................................
2. people / cinema? .................................................................
3. milk / bottle? .................................................................
4. money / wallet? .................................................................
5. glasses / table? .................................................................

How many students are there in the classroom?
D. Complete the sentences, using ‘much’, ‘many’, ‘a lot of’, ‘a little’, ‘a few’.

1. I haven’t got ................. money.
2. Zeynep can’t speak ............... languages.
3. There isn’t ...................... bread left.
5. There are only ................... tomatoes left.
E. Choose the correct words in italics.

1. There are only *a few / a little* water left in the bottle.
2. There were only *a few / a little* students in the classroom.
3. There aren’t *many / much* shops at the town centre.
4. I need to buy *many / a lot of* presents for my family but I don’t have *much / many* money.
5. How *many / much* good friends have you got?
F. Circle the correct answer.

1. I’d like ............... apples, please.

A) a
B) an
C) some
D) any
E) a little
F. Circle the correct answer.

2. We haven’t got .......... milk left.

A) a  
B) an  
C) some  
D) any  
E) a little
F. Circle the correct answer.

3. How ............ is the bus ticket to the town centre?

A) many  
B) much  
C) a lot of  
D) a few  
E) a little
F. Circle the correct answer.

4. I can’t come with you this evening. I’ve got ........ homework.

A) many  
B) much  
C) a lot of  
D) a few  
E) a little
F. Circle the correct answer.

5. Can you pay for the drinks? I haven’t got ............ money.

A) many
B) much
C) a lot of
D) a few
E) a little