

Quantifiers



NOUNS & PRONOUNS

NO QUANTITY	IMPRECISE QUANTITIES	ABUNDANT QUANTITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NO + Uncount. + sentences → pronoun: NONE > "There is <i>no</i> paper left in the photocopier." "What? <i>None</i>?" ■ ANY + Count./Uncount. - sentences → pronoun: ANY > "Are there <i>any</i> brochures left?" "No, there aren't <i>any</i>." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SOME + Count./Uncount. +, ? (offers, requests) sentences → pronoun: SOME > I've got <i>some</i> switches to check. Would you like to help me with <i>some</i>? ■ ANY + Count./Uncount. + (whatever), ? (doubt) sentences → pronoun: ANY > Do you have <i>any</i> safety helmet you? No? Well, here, take <i>any</i> you like. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MUCH + Uncount. -, ? sentences → pronoun: MUCH > We didn't make <i>much</i> money last month. Did you make <i>much</i>? ■ MANY + Count. + (formal), -, ? sentences → pronoun: MANY > How <i>many</i> people were there at the meeting? There weren't <i>many</i> unfortunately. ■ A LOT OF / LOTS OF (informal) / SEVERAL (formal) + Count./Uncount. + sentences → pronoun: A LOT / LOTS / SEVERAL > "There are <i>several</i> complaints to reply to." "Yes, there are really <i>a lot</i>."
REDUCED QUANTITIES	EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES	SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LITTLE (not enough) / A LITTLE (enough) + Uncount. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: LITTLE / A LITTLE > "There's very <i>little</i> water left in the dispenser." "Don't worry, there's <i>a little</i> here." ■ FEW (not enough) / A FEW (enough) + Count. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: FEW / A FEW > <i>Few</i> customers knew about our promotion. We'd like them to become quite <i>a few</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TOO MUCH / LITTLE + Uncount. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: TOO MUCH / LITTLE > There's <i>too much</i> traffic, we won't make it on time to the conference. > The participation's <i>too little</i> this year, we must improve. ■ TOO MANY / FEW + Count. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: TOO MANY / FEW > "Are there <i>too many</i> leaflets on the table?" "Not at all, I think there are <i>too few</i>!" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ENOUGH + Count./Uncount. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: ENOUGH > "We haven't got <i>enough</i> time to finish this report!" "Don't worry, we'll make it, there's <i>enough</i>!"

VERBS

ABUNDANT QUANTITIES	REDUCED QUANTITIES	SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ verb + MUCH -, ? sentences > We don't believe in renewable sources <i>much</i>. We prefer nuclear. ■ verb + VERY MUCH / A LOT +, -, ? sentences > Our customers loved the last electric car model <i>very much</i>, statistics say. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ verb + LITTLE +, -, ? sentences > Our motto is: Speak <i>little</i>, prove it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ verb + ENOUGH +, -, ? sentences > We will never have <i>enough</i> technology: we love it!

ADJECTIVES

ABUNDANT QUANTITIES	EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES	SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ VERY + adjective +, -, ? sentences > The developments in information technology are <i>very</i> fast. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TOO + adjective +, -, ? sentences > This interview is <i>too</i> important, we can't fail it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ adjective + ENOUGH +, -, ? sentences > This new model of smartphone isn't popular <i>enough</i>, we must improve it.

1 Choose all the possible correct option/s.

1. In our group of friends, *much / some / lot / little* of us liked the film, but *no / none / few / little* of us would have seen it again: it was *too much / too many / too / many* sad.
2. "How *much / many / a lot of / several* people have applied for the position?" – "Just *many / a few / any / enough*, but *none / some / many / any* of them have the necessary qualifications".
3. A GoPro camera is *very / too / much / a lot* expensive and we can't really afford it! Have you got *some / few / any / much* other ideas?
4. There are *several / a lot / much / too many* workers in this business and *very little / few / a few / a little* automated machines, that's why production is so slow.
5. "Would you like *any / some / a little / much* milk in your tea, Mr Smith?" – "No, thanks, *any / none / no / a little* milk for me, please."
6. I believe they shouldn't speak *too much / very / too many / little* about the price of this new laptop, but rather concentrate on its *many / lots / few / some* outstanding features!

2 Complete each sentence with an appropriate quantifier. Write all possible options.

1. We're having trouble finding some big premises for the new plant.
2. Do you have information about the new assembly robot?
3. No, I'm sorry we're not skilled to work on high-voltage cables.
4. We are satisfied with our salary increase, it is actually what we had asked for.
5. The public utility is investing in renewable sources of energy.
6. people say that wind turbines spoil the countryside and are against them.
7. In Italy there are hydroelectric power stations, so they do not cover all the need for electricity in the country.
8. There's need to fill in this form as well, these will be

3 Transform these sentences so that they mean the same. Use no more than 5 words including the given one.

1. These safety boots aren't cheap enough for us to buy.
These safety boots
for us to buy. TOO
2. There are a lot of candidates to examine before we can actually hire someone.
..... be examined before we can actually hire someone. SEVERAL
3. There aren't any vacant positions at the moment, I'm sorry.
I'm sorry, at the moment positions. ARE
4. I adore dealing with electronic circuits!
Electronic circuits? I like dealing with! VERY
5. This company produces several different types of electronic equipment.
..... electronic equipment are produced by this company. MANY
6. There weren't many customers who were satisfied by the new hybrid car.
The customers who were satisfied by the new hybrid car REALLY

