

Quantifiers



NOUNS & PRONOUNS

| NO QUANTITY | IMPRECISE QUANTITIES | ABUNDANT QUANTITIES |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NO + Uncount. + sentences → pronoun: NONE > "There is no paper left in the photocopier." "What? None?" ■ ANY + Count./Uncount. - sentences → pronoun: ANY > "Are there any cables in wireless systems?" "No, there aren't any." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SOME + Count./Uncount. +, ? (offers, requests) sentences → pronoun: SOME > "I've got some emails to write." "Would you like to help me with some?" ■ ANY + Count./Uncount. + (whatever), ? (doubt) sentences → pronoun: ANY > "Do you have any samples with you? No? Well, here, take any you like." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MUCH + Uncount. -, ? sentences → pronoun: MUCH > "You didn't pay much attention to my explanation on safety measures." ■ MANY + Count. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: MANY > "How many people were there at the meeting? There weren't many unfortunately." ■ A LOT OF / LOTS OF (informal) / SEVERAL (formal) + Count./Uncount. + sentences → pronoun: A LOT / LOTS / SEVERAL > "There are several faxes to reply to." "Yes, there are really a lot." |
| 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 little water left in the dispenser." "Don't worry, there's a little here." ■ FEW (not enough) / A FEW (enough) + Count. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: FEW / A FEW > "Few people know how to install solar panels properly. We'd like them to become quite a few." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TOO MUCH / LITTLE + Uncount. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: TOO MUCH / LITTLE > "There's too much traffic, we won't make it on time to the conference." > "The participation's too little this year, we must improve." ■ TOO MANY / FEW + Count. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: TOO MANY / FEW > "Are there too many handtools on the workbench?" "Not at all, I think there are too few!" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ENOUGH + Count./Uncount. +, -, ? sentences → pronoun: ENOUGH > "There aren't enough microchips left. Don't worry they are enough!" |

VERBS

| ABUNDANT QUANTITIES | REDUCED QUANTITIES | SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ verb + MUCH -, ? sentences > "We don't believe in intensive agriculture much. We prefer extensive farming." ■ verb + VERY MUCH / A LOT +, -, ? sentences > "Our customers appreciate the new type of fibreglass very much." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ verb + LITTLE +, -, ? sentences > "Paul has little or no experience with soldering." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ verb + ENOUGH +, -, ? sentences > "We will never listen to our tutors enough: there's always something to learn." |

ADJECTIVES

| ABUNDANT QUANTITIES | EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES | SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ VERY + adjective +, -, ? sentences > "The sales of composites are very promising." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TOO + adjective +, -, ? sentences > "This project is too important, we can't fail it." | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ adjective + ENOUGH +, -, ? sentences > "This program isn't efficient enough, we must improve it." |

22 Choose the correct option for each sentence.

1. "How *much / many / a lot of / several* candidates have applied for the position as automation engineer?" – "Just *many / a few / any / enough*, but *none / some / many / any* of them have the necessary qualifications."
2. That machine tool is *very / too / much / a lot* expensive, and we can't really afford it! Have you got *some / few / any / much* other ideas?
3. There are *several / a lot / much / too many* managers in this business and *very little / few / a few / a little* workers, that's why it's not making profits.
4. "Could I give you *any / some / little / much* samples of the product, Mr Smith?" – "Yes, please, but just *a lot / a few / no / a little*."
5. "How *much / many / lot of / enough* paper do you throw away every week?" – "I don't throw away *no / lot of / any / many* paper. We always recycle it in special green bins."
6. I have *very few / much / any / little* experience with transmission media. May I have *any / some / little / few* information, please?

23 Complete each sentence with an appropriate quantifier.

1. We're having interconnected problems finding new raw materials. electronic devices.
2. Do you have information about the new software?
3. I'm sorry but we're not international to send our engines overseas.
4. We are satisfied with our increase in the production of ceramics.
5. An integrated circuit contains materials are semiconductors.
6. I'm sorry, there are just left and I can't send you the quantity you require.
7. There's need to fill in this form too, this one will be
8. Unfortunately only materials are semiconductors.

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

1. These drills aren't cheap enough for us to buy.
These drills for us to buy. TOO
2. There are a lot of instructions to read before using a machine tool.
..... be read before using a machine tool.
PLENTY
3. As a refund you can choose whatever item from this list you like.
..... is good as a refund. ITEM
4. There aren't many people who recycle materials correctly.
People who recycle materials correctly
ARE
5. My workplace doesn't have any recycling bins for paper.
In my workplace recycling bins for paper.
NO
6. People in my country think recycling is important so do it a lot.
Recycling is important in my country and
PEOPLE

