

## Quantifiers in a description text.

- Quantifiers are adjectives or determiners that describe the quantity of something. They are used to express an amount or degree of something and are also used with persons. They serve to answer two possible questions :
  - How many ?
  - How much ?
- Few, much, many, most, etc, are examples of quantifiers.
- **There are three types of quantifiers :**
  - ❖ **Quantifiers that describe quantity :** they are divided into two :
    - ✓ Countable nouns such as : a few, a number of, several, etc, they answer the question **How many ?**
    - Uncountable nouns such as : a little, a bit of, etc, they answer the question **How much ?**
    - Some of them are used with both such as : **no/none, some, a lot of, etc,**
  - ❖ **Quantifiers that express Attitude :**
    - The words few, little, a few and a little serve to describe the speaker's attitude to the quantity being described.
    - The first two carry negative suggestions, whereas the last two carry positive suggestions.
  - ❖ **Comparative quantifiers :**
    - **Much, many, more** and **most** describe increase ; much is used only with uncountable nouns, many is only used with countable nouns, **more** and **most** with both.
    - **Few, fewer, fewest, little, less** and **least** chart decrease. The first three are used only with countable plural nouns. The last three are used only with uncountable nouns.
  - ❖ **Quantifiers list :**

<b>Uncountable nouns</b>	<b>Countable nouns</b>	<b>both</b>
❖ Much	❖ Many	❖ All
❖ A little/ little/ very little	❖ A few/few/very few	❖ enough
❖ A bit (of)	❖ A number (of)	❖ More/most
❖ A great deal of	❖ Several	❖ less/least
❖ A large amount of	❖ A large number of	❖ No/none
❖ A large quantity of	❖ A great number of	❖ Not any
	❖ A majority of	❖ some
		❖ any
		❖ a lot of
		❖ lots of
		❖ plenty of

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❖ **Examples of quantifiers in sentences :**

- ✓ The child has **few** toys.
- ✓ I have **many** friends.
- ✓ I don't have **much** money.
- ✓ Let's go have **some** fun.
- ✓ I didn't put **any** jam in the sandwich.

**Exercise : write an essay in which you describe the place where you study ?**