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Quantifiers

A **quantifier** is a word or phrase that indicates the quantity or amount of something. 'Some', 'many', 'a lot of' and 'a few', **much**, **little**, **a little** ... are examples of quantifiers.

Quantifiers can be used with both **countable** and **uncountable nouns**.

Countable nouns are nouns that can be counted and have a singular and plural form. For example, "cat" is a countable noun. We can say "one cat" or "two cats". Uncountable nouns, on the other hand, cannot be counted and do not have a plural form. For example, "water" is an uncountable noun. We cannot say "one water" or "two waters". Instead, we use words like "some" or "a bottle of" to talk about quantities of uncountable nouns.

Examples:

There are *some* books on the desk. He's got only *a few* dollars.

How *much* money have you got?

There is *a large quantity of* fish in this river. He's got *more* friends than his sister.

<i>Countable nouns</i>	<i>Uncountable nouns</i>	<i>With both</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ many ▪ a few/few/very few ** ▪ a number (of) ▪ several ▪ a large number of ▪ a great number of ▪ a majority of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ much ▪ a little/little/very little ▪ a bit (of) ▪ a great deal of ▪ a large amount of ▪ a large quantity of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ all ▪ enough ▪ more/most ▪ less/least ▪ no/none ▪ not any ▪ some ▪ any ▪ a lot of ▪ lots of ▪ plenty of

NOTE: little, very little mean that there is not enough of something.
A little means that there is not a lot of something, but there is enough.

Few, very few mean that there is not enough of something.
A few means that there is not a lot of something, but there is enough.

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with correct answer : much, many, lots of, a lot of, little, most, a little, a few, few.

1. It seems we have had _____ assignments in English this year.
2. How _____ do we have to read this week.
3. _____ Americans don't like George Bush
4. There are not very _____ books in the library.
5. I think he drank _____ wine last night.
6. I have had _____ headaches already because of the stress.
7. I did not use _____ fertilizer¹ last spring that is why we had so _____ weeds.
8. It has rained very _____ this summer that is why the grass is so brown.
9. _____ people know as much about computers as Jack does.
10. I am having _____ trouble passing my driving test.

Correction:

1. It seems we have had **a lot of, many, lots of** assignments in English this year.
2. How **much** do we have to read this week?
3. **Most, Many, A lot of** Americans don't like George Bush
4. There are not very **many** books in the library.
5. I think he drank **a lot of, lots of, much** wine last night.
6. I have had **a few** headaches already because of the stress.
7. I didn't use **much, a lot of, lots of** fertilizer last spring, that's why we had so many weeds.
8. It has rained very **little** this summer, that is why the grass is so brown.
9. **Few** people know as much about computers as Jack does.
10. I'm having **a lot of, much, lots of, little** trouble passing my driving test.