

# SOME ANY MUCH MANY A LOT (A) FEW (A) LITTLE

A

**Some** and **Any** are used before plural nouns and uncountable nouns to talk about an indefinite quantity:

**Ex:** *Some letters*      *any letters*  
*Some money*      *any money*

**Some** is used in affirmative sentences.

**Ex:** - *There are some letters for you.*  
- *I've got some money.*

**Some** is used in questions when we want to encourage people to say 'yes'; for example in requests and offers.

**Ex:** - *Can you let me have some paper?*  
- *Would you like some more tea?*  
- *Have you got some paper I could have, Please?*

**Any** is used in negative and question form.

**Ex:** - *Are there any new stories in your store.*  
- *Is there any tea in the cupboard?*  
- *I don't have any new stories for you.*  
- *There isn't any tea in the cupboard.*

**Any** is used after words with negative meaning such as without, never, seldom, rarely, hardly.

**Ex:** - *I found a taxi without any trouble.*  
- *You never do any homework.*  
- *There are hardly any eggs left.*

D

**Little and few** without **a** are more negative idea. Little means "not much" or "almost no". Few means "not many" or "almost no".

**Ex:** - *There is little work to do. (= almost no work to do)*  
- *The exam is extremely difficult and few students passed it. (= almost no students)*

B

We use **much** and **many** mostly in question and negative. **Much** is used with uncountable nouns, and **many** is used with countable plural nouns.

**Ex:** - *Is there much rice left?*  
- *We haven't got much rice left.*  
- *Has he got many books?*  
- *He hasn't got many books.*

**Note:** We often use **much** and **many** in affirmative sentences after **too**, **as**, **so** and **very**.

**Ex:** - *Take as much milk as you want.*  
- *I've got so many jobs to do today.*  
- *We enjoy the party very much.*  
- *We've got too much milk.*

In affirmative sentences, we normally use **a lot (of)**, **lots (of)** and **plenty (of)**, not **much** and **many**.

We use **a lot (of)**, **lots (of)** and **plenty (of)** with both uncountable nouns and plural nouns.

**Ex:** - *We've got a lot of milk.*  
(Not: ~~We've got much milk.~~)  
- *He's got a lot of / plenty of books.*  
(Not normally: ~~He's got many books.~~)

C

We use **a little** to express positive idea with uncountable nouns. It means "a small amount, but some".

**Ex:** - *There is still a little work to do.*  
- *I have a little sugar in the jar.*

We use **a few** to express positive idea with plural nouns. It means a small number, but some".

**Ex:** - *A few students passed it because the exam is extremely difficult.*  
- *There are a few people come today.*