

Quantifiers

What are quantifiers?

A **quantifier** is a word or phrase which is used before a noun to indicate the amount or quantity:

'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**.

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.

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns	With both
<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.

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Quantifier	Use	Example
A few Few	With count nouns(positive meaning) With count nouns(negative meaning=not many)	There are a few pupils in The library. The child has few toys
A little little	With non-count nouns(positive meaning) With non-count nouns(negative meaning=not much)	I like a little sugar in my tea. There is very little milk left.
Much Many	With non-count nouns With count nouns	I don't have much money. She has many friends.
Some Someone, somebody Something, somewhere	Used with affirmative sentences with count and non-count nouns and in polite questions, offers and requests	We have some computer games. I'd like something to drink. Do you want some salad?
Any Anyone, anybody Anything, anywhere	1.in negative sentence 2.in questions 3. no specific preference 4.with sentences that include a negative word	We couldn't find anywhere to eat. Is anyone using the computer? Please bring me any soup on the menu. I never see anyone in this house.
No No one, nobody Nothing, nowhere	No is used with count and non-count nouns No one, nobody and are used with singular nouns nothing	No children are allowed here. There is no food in the house. No one is interested.
Every Everyone, everybody Everything, everywhere	Every is used with singular count nouns These words are used with singular verb	Every notebook is checked by the teacher. Everyone has arrived.