Quantifiers –
Many & Much

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QUANTIFIERS

A. Introduction

A quantifier is a word that comes before a noun (a person, place, or thing). It shows the quantity (amount) of that noun.

In the chart below, note that the percentages are only approximate numbers to help you understand the general amounts of each quantifier. Quantifiers have no specific amounts attached to them.

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<td>• every</td>
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<td>95%</td>
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<td>• almost every</td>
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Note:
This lesson will focus on the common quantifiers many and much.
## Quick and Handy Grammar Review cont.

### B. Many & Much

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<th><strong>Much</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Meaning</strong></td>
<td>a lot, a large number</td>
<td>a lot, a large amount</td>
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| **When to Use** | - before plural, count nouns  
- in affirmative (positive) sentences, negative sentences, and questions | - before non-count nouns  
- in negative sentences and questions |
| **Examples** | - She owns many dogs.  
- We don’t have many books for sale.  
- How many cookies do you want? | - He wasn’t much help on moving day.  
- How much ice cream do you want?  
- How much does it cost? (= how much money?) |
| **Exceptions** | A plural count noun usually ends in -s, but remember that there are some common plural nouns that don’t end in -s.  
- Many **people** attended the concert.  
- My grandpa doesn’t have many **teeth**.  
- How many **children** do you have? | **Much** is not common in affirmative sentences, but it is possible (note that **much** sounds quite formal in affirmative sentences).  
- Much time was wasted that day. |

To emphasize **many**, use so + many, too + many, or many + more.

- There were so many kids at the park.  
- Too many spices will ruin the sauce.  
- We need to spend many more hours on this project.

To emphasize **much**, use so + much, too + much, or much + more. **Much** is common in affirmative sentences in this case.

- I feel so much love for my kids.  
- She always puts too much milk in the batter.  
- How much more money do you want to borrow?
Exercise 1

NOUNS

Fill in the blanks using many or much.

1. _____much____ time
2. _________ animals
3. _________ music
4. _________ movies
5. _________ rain
6. _________ trees
7. _________ food
8. _________ water
9. _________ lakes
10. _________ chairs

Exercise 2

NEGATIVE SENTENCES & QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks using many or much.

1. He doesn’t have ______many____ tools.
2. We don’t have _________ time.
3. Do you need _________ things from the store?
4. Their kids don’t get _________ toys at Christmas.
5. How _________ did you spend?
6. How _________ pairs of jeans did you buy?
7. There aren’t _________ movies that you like.
8. How _________ pairs of shoes did you bring?
9. She doesn’t own _________ video games.
10. Do they need _________ help?
Exercise 3

DIALOGUE

Two classmates are talking before class. Complete the dialogue using many and much. Circle the correct quantifier. When you’re finished, read the dialogue out loud with a partner.

Mia: Hey, Julia! Are you ready for the test today?

Julia: Hi, Mia. Not really. I didn’t get ________ studying done last night. How about you?

Mia: I studied a lot!

Julia: How ________ hours did you study for?

Mia: I studied for so ________ hours that I lost track of time. Why didn’t you get ________ studying done?

Julia: My best friend called me from Mexico, and we talked for ________ hours. I didn’t get ________ sleep!

Mia: How ________ sleep did you get?

Julia: I only slept for about three hours.

Mia: Wow, that’s not ________!

Julia: Hey, did you just hear that? There are too ________ students absent because there’s too ________ snow on the roads! The test will be tomorrow instead!

Mia: That’s lucky! Do you want me to help you study?

Julia: That would be great! Thanks!
Exercise 4

CLASS SURVEY

Create your own class survey! Write six questions using *many* and *much*. Then ask your classmates these questions, and write their answers on the right. Try to speak to a new classmate for each question.

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<td>How much time do you spend on your homework every night?</td>
<td>Nadia spends two hours on her homework every night.</td>
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Exercise 5

WRITING

Imagine you went to a big party last weekend. Describe the party, the people, the food, the decorations, the music, etc. Use many and much in your sentences as often as possible.

Example
I went to a party last weekend. There were so many people there! They played many pop songs, and everyone had fun dancing. There wasn't much food, so I was hungry...
Exercise 6

QUIZ

Circle the correct answer.

1. They don’t own ______ cars.
   a) many
   b) much

2. ______ parents attended the performance.
   a) Many
   b) Much

3. He never got ______ attention as a child.
   a) many
   b) much

4. How ______ hours did you study last night?
   a) many
   b) much

5. There are ______ clouds in the sky.
   a) many
   b) much

6. Did you borrow ______ money from her?
   a) many
   b) much

7. Her children watch ______ TV shows on weekends.
   a) many
   b) much

8. I completed ______ projects this month.
   a) many
   b) much

9. How ______ pizza did you eat?
   a) many
   b) much

10. She gave ______ speeches last year.
   a) many
   b) much

11. ______ people like action movies.
    a) Many
    b) Much

12. We didn’t have ______ time to finish the book report.
    a) many
    b) much