

Much and Many Exercises (how much, how many, a lot of)

Level: A2

Much, many and a lot of

Use many with plural countable nouns and much with uncountable nouns. We use them in questions and negatives: How many books? We haven't got much time. In affirmative sentences, use a lot of.

Many: Many goes with plural countable nouns: many books, many friends. Use it in questions and negatives: Have you got many friends? I haven't got many books.

Much: Much goes with uncountable nouns: much money, much time. Use it in questions and negatives: Is there much milk? We haven't got much time.

A lot of: A lot of goes with both. It is the normal choice in affirmative sentences: We've got a lot of books. She drinks a lot of water.

How much / how many: Ask about quantity with how many + plural noun: How many eggs? Ask with how much + uncountable noun: How much milk? Also use how much for prices: How much is this bag?

A few and a little: A few means a small number, with plural countable nouns: a few friends. A little means a small amount, with uncountable nouns: a little sugar.

Check the noun: Before you choose, decide: can you count it? Books, friends and eggs: many. Money, time, milk and water: much.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. How ___ apples do you want?
a) much b) many c) a lot
2. How ___ milk is in the fridge?
a) much b) many c) few
3. We haven't got ___ money.
a) much b) many c) few
4. There are ___ people in the park today.
a) a lot of b) much c) a little
5. I've got ___ friends in this city. Only three.
a) a few b) a little c) much
6. I only want ___ sugar in my tea.
a) a little b) a few c) many

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Type the missing word or words.

7. How ___ brothers have you got? (much or many)
8. I haven't got ___ time today. (much or many)
9. We've got ___ milk. There are ten bottles. (a lot)
10. There are only a ___ cars in the street. Two or three. (few or little)
11. How ___ is this bag? It's twenty dollars. (much or many)
12. She hasn't got ___ friends here. (much or many)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **water / how / much / drink / do / you / ?**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **many / you / how / have / got / sisters / ?**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **got / time / much / I / haven't / .**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **of / lot / water / drinks / she / a / .**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. We use 'many' with countable nouns: 'many books'. True / False
18. 'How much books have you got?' is correct English. True / False
19. 'I've got much money' is the normal way to say it. True / False
20. 'A lot of' can go with 'friends' and with 'water'. True / False
21. 'I drink a few water' is correct English. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

1. b) many
2. a) much
3. a) much
4. a) a lot of
5. a) a few
6. a) a little

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. many
8. much
9. a lot of / lots of
10. few
11. much
12. many

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. How much water do you drink?
14. How many sisters have you got?
15. I haven't got much time.
16. She drinks a lot of water.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. True
18. False
19. False
20. True
21. False