

A



a lot of money



not much money



a lot of books



not many books

We use **much** + *uncountable noun*
(**much food** / **much money** etc.):

- Did you buy **much food**?
- We don't have **much luggage**.
- How **much money** do you want?
- A: Do you have any **money**?
B: I have some, but **not much**.

We use **many** + *plural noun*
(**many books** / **many people** etc.):

- Did you buy **many books**?
- We don't know **many people**.
- How **many photos** did you take?
- A: Did you take any **photos**?
B: I took some, but **not many**.

We use **a lot of** + *both types of noun*:

- We bought **a lot of food**.
- Paula doesn't have **a lot of free time**.
- We bought **a lot of books**.
- Did they ask **a lot of questions**?

We say:

- There **is** a lot of **food/money/water** ...
(*singular verb*)
- There **are** a lot of **trees/shops/people** ...
(*plural verb*)
- A lot of **people speak** English.
(*not speaks*)

B

We use **much** in *questions* and *negative sentences*:

- Do you drink **much coffee**?
- I don't drink **much coffee**.

But we do not often use **much** in *positive sentences*:

- I drink **a lot of coffee**. (*not I drink much coffee*)
- 'Do you drink much coffee?' 'Yes, **a lot**.' (*not Yes, much*)

We use **many** and **a lot of** in all types of sentences (positive/negative/question):

- We have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- We don't have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- Do you have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends?

C

You can use **much** and **a lot** without a noun:

- Amy spoke to me, but she didn't say **much**.
- 'Do you watch TV **much**?' 'No, **not much**.' (= not often)
- We like films, so we go to the cinema **a lot**. (*not go to the cinema much*)
- I don't like him very **much**.

Exercises

83.1 Write **much** or **many**.

- 1 Did you buy much food?
- 2 There aren't hotels in this town.
- 3 We don't have petrol. We need to stop and get some.
- 4 Were there people on the train?
- 5 Did students fail the exam?
- 6 Paula doesn't have money.
- 7 I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat
- 8 I don't know where Gary lives these days. I haven't seen him for years.

Write **How much** or **How many**.

- 9 people are coming to the party?
- 10 milk do you want in your coffee?
- 11 bread did you buy?
- 12 players are there in a football team?

83.2 Complete the sentences. Use **much** or **many** with these words:

~~books~~ countries luggage people time times

- 1 I don't read very much. I don't have many books.
- 2 Hurry up! We don't have
- 3 Do you travel a lot? Have you been to
- 4 Tina hasn't lived here very long, so she doesn't know
- 5 'Do you have?' 'No, only this bag.'
- 6 I know Tokyo well. I've been there

83.3 Complete the sentences. Use **a lot of** + these words:

accidents ~~books~~ fun interesting things traffic

- 1 I like reading. I have a lot of books.
- 2 We enjoyed our visit to the museum. We saw
- 3 This road is very dangerous. There are
- 4 We enjoyed our holiday. We had
- 5 It took me a long time to drive here. There was

83.4 In some of these sentences **much** is not natural. Change the sentences or write OK.

- 1 Do you drink much coffee? OK
- 2 I drink much tea. a lot of tea
- 3 It was a cold winter. We had much snow.
- 4 There wasn't much snow last winter.
- 5 It costs much money to travel around the world.
- 6 We had a cheap holiday. It didn't cost much.
- 7 Do you know much about computers?
- 8 'Do you have any luggage?' 'Yes, much.'

83.5 Write sentences about these people. Use **much** and **a lot**.

- 1 James loves films. (go to the cinema) He goes to the cinema a lot.
- 2 Nicola thinks TV is boring. (watch TV) She doesn't watch TV much.
- 3 Tina is a good tennis player. (play tennis) She
- 4 Mark doesn't like driving. (use his car) He
- 5 Paul spends most of the time at home. (go out)
- 6 Sue has been all over the world. (travel)

Key to Exercises

82.3

- Both of them are students.
- Neither of them has a car. / ... has got a car.
- Both of them live in London.
- Both of them like cooking.
- Neither of them can play the piano.
- Both of them eat seafood.
- Neither of them is interested in sport.

UNIT 83

83.1

- | | |
|--------|-------------|
| 2 many | 8 many |
| 3 much | 9 How many |
| 4 many | 10 How much |
| 5 many | 11 How much |
| 6 much | 12 How many |
| 7 much | |

83.2

- much time
- many countries
- many people
- much luggage
- many times

83.3

- a lot of interesting things
- a lot of accidents
- a lot of fun
- a lot of traffic

83.4

- a lot of snow
- OK
- a lot of money
- OK
- OK
- a lot

83.5

- She plays tennis a lot.
- He doesn't use his car much. (or ... a lot.)
- He doesn't go out much. (or ... a lot.)
- She travels a lot.

UNIT 84

84.1

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 2 a few | 5 a little |
| 3 a little | 6 a few |
| 4 a few | |

84.2

- a little milk
- A few days

- a little Russian
- a few friends
- a few times
- a few chairs
- a little fresh air

84.3

- very little coffee
- very little rain
- very few hotels
- very little time
- Very few people
- very little work

84.4

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 2 A few | 5 few |
| 3 a little | 6 a little |
| 4 little | 7 little |

84.5

- ... a little luck
- ... a few things
- OK
- ... a few questions
- ... few people
- OK

UNIT 85

85.1

- I like that green jacket.
- Do you like classical music?
- I had a wonderful holiday.
- We went to a Japanese restaurant.

85.2

- black clouds
- long holiday
- hot water
- fresh air
- sharp knife
- dangerous job

85.3

- It looks new.
- I feel ill.
- You look surprised.
- They smell nice.
- It tastes horrible.

85.4

- It doesn't look new.
- You don't sound American.
- I don't feel cold.
- They don't look heavy.
- Maybe, but it doesn't taste good.

UNIT 86

86.1

- badly
- quietly
- angrily
- fast
- dangerously

86.2

- work hard
- sleep well
- win easily
- Think carefully
- know her very well
- explain things very clearly/well
- Come quickly

86.3

- angry
- slowly
- slow
- careful
- hard
- suddenly
- quiet
- badly
- nice (See Unit 85C.)
- quickly

86.4

- well
- good
- well
- well
- good ... good

UNIT 87

87.1

- bigger
- slower
- more expensive
- higher
- more dangerous

87.2

- stronger
- happier
- more modern
- more important
- better
- larger
- more serious
- prettier
- more crowded

87.3

- hotter/warmer
- more expensive