

Quantifiers – much – many

Introduction

1) Quantifiers are adjectives and adjectival phrases that give approximate or specific answers to the questions 'How much?' and 'How many?'.

*Sorry, but there isn't **much** left for you to do here.*

2) To answer the questions 'How much?' and 'How many?' certain quantifiers can be used with countable nouns (chairs, apples), while others can be used with uncountable nouns (tea, money). We use *much* with uncountable nouns and *many* with countable nouns. Note that *much* and *many* are mainly used in interrogative and negative sentences.

***How many cousins** do you have? (countable)*

***How much money** did you spend? (uncountable)*

Note that *how much* can also be used when we want to know the price of something. In this case, we can use *how much* with countable nouns (both singular and plural nouns).

***How much** does **this dress** cost?*

Much and *many* can be used in affirmative sentences in combination with *too* and *so*. In this case, they denote the excessive amount of something.

*I don't know what to do with **so much sugar!***

*There are **too many people** in here.*

Short Story Dialogue

– ***How many friends** do you have?*

– *I don't have **many friends**, but I don't think that there is some standard to that.*

– *Yeah, I totally get it. Are you all in the same friend group?*

– *Yeah. We always have **so much fun** together even though that we don't have **much free** time now. We're all adults, have our own works, and duties, and responsibilities, so it's difficult to find time for hanging out.*

– *Well, **many people** don't have even that, so I'm happy for you.*

Independent Practice - Quantifiers – much – many

1) Fill in the gaps with *much*, *many*.

- a. Could you help me wash the dishes? There aren't left.
- b. I couldn't think of good ideas.
- c. How dogs does your aunt have?
- d. How money should I have with me?
- e. Why is there so smoke in the kitchen?
- f. How electricity does this fridge use?
- g. I hope, Mrs. Evans won't give us homework today.
- h. There were so people on the bus that I decided to walk to the mall.
- i. There are rules to remember when you write an essay.
- j. We don't see swimmers in the sea in winter.

Independent Practice: Answers - Quantifiers – much – many

1) Fill in the gaps with *much*, *many*.

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- f. How **much** electricity does this fridge use?
- g. I hope, Mrs. Evans won't give us **much** homework today.
- h. There were so **many** people on the bus that I decided to walk to the mall.
- i. There are **many** rules to remember when you write an essay.
- j. We don't see **many** swimmers in the sea in winter.