UNIT 3

QUANTIFIERS

Text taken from Open Mind 2, 2010, Macmillan, p. 71.

Read this doctor's health article. Why is junk food bad for you?

Pay attention to the highlighted words use.

Health Alert!

A lot of people these days suffer from a dangerous addiction to junk food. The definition of junk food is food that is not healthy because it contains a lot of fat, salt, and sugar. How many bags of chips do you eat every week? How much candy do you eat? Many people today eat fewer vegetables, less meat, and more snack food than before. The result? A population that is not very healthy!

The expressions in blue, red, and orange in the previous text are quantifiers. The following diagram can help you organize them in your mind.

Quantifiers scale

Uncountable / Countable

a lot of / a lot of   (the same for uncountable and countable)

much / many

Some / Some   (the same for uncountable and countable)

a little / a few

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In comparative situations

more / many

less / fewer

Questions

How much / How many