

Quantifiers

What are quantifiers?

A quantifier is a word or phrase that is used before a noun to indicate the amount or quantity:

'Some', 'many', 'a lot of' and 'a few' are examples of quantifiers.

Quantifiers can be used with both [countable and uncountable nouns](#).

Examples:

- There are *some* books on the desk.
- He's got only *a few* dollars.
- How *much* money have you got?
- There is *a large quantity of* fish in this river.
- He's got *more* friends than his sister.

Examples of quantifiers

	• much
	• a little/little/very little
With Uncountable Nouns	• a bit (of)
	• a great deal of
	• a large amount of
	• a large quantity of

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With Both	• all
	• enough
	• more/most
	• less/least
	• no/none
	• not any
	• some
	• any
	• a lot of
	• lots of
• plenty of	

With Countable Nouns	• many
	• a few/few/very few
	• a number (of)
	• several
	• a large number of
	• a great number of
	• a majority of

<i>few</i>	mean that there is not enough of something.
<i>very few</i>	

<i>a few</i>	means that there is not a lot of something, but there is enough.
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<i>little</i>	mean that there is not enough of something.
<i>very little</i>	

<i>a little</i>	means that there is not a lot of something, but there is enough.
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COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

You will learn about countable and uncountable nouns. But before you continue the lesson, look at the following chart and study the nouns.

Countable	Uncountable
books	money
friends	meat
teachers	juice
tables	milk

Countable nouns (count nouns):

Countable nouns have a singular and a plural form. In plural, these nouns can be used with a number- they can be counted (that's why they are called "countable nouns").

Example:

1 friend, 2 friends, 3 friends...

1 book, 2 books, 3 books...

Countable nouns take *many*.

Example:

100 friends – *many* friends

Uncountable nouns (uncount / non-count nouns):

Uncountable nouns can only be used in singular. These nouns cannot be used with a number- they can't be counted (that's why they are called "uncountable nouns").

Examples:

I have a lot of money. (Not 1000 money).

You say I drink a lot of milk. (Not 5 milk).

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Uncountable nouns take *much*.

Example:

100 money – *much* money

Of course you can count money, milk, meat; but then you would use the currency, liter, kilo, glass, etc. and say that you have got:

- 5 euros or dollars (but not 5 money).
- 2 liters, pints, glasses... of milk (but not 2 milk).
- 3 kilos of meat (but not 3 meat).
- 10 bottles of mineral water (but not 10 mineral water).