

Expressing quantity

	Countables	Uncountables
Positive	a lot (of) / lots of	a lot (of)
Interrogative	many / how many	much / how much
Negative	many	much

1 A lot of or lots of are used in the affirmative with countables or uncountables.

There are **a lot of** / **lots of** stars in the sky.
There's **a lot of** milk in the bottle.

2 Many (with countables) and much (with uncountables) are used in questions and negations. Many and much can also be used in the affirmative in formal English.

How **many** friends have you got?
There isn't **much** jam in the jar.
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1 Write a lot of, many or much.



1 There are *a lot of* blueberries.



2 There aren't radishes.



3 There isn't honey.



4 There aren't mushrooms.



5 There's jam.



6 There aren't apples.

2 Fill in the gaps with a lot of, much or many.

- There are *a lot of* birds in the sky!
- I haven't got homework today.
- John hasn't got CDs.
- There aren't cars in the street.
- There is sugar in the bowl.
- Are there apples on the tree?
- Jane has got money in her purse.
- Is there bread in the cupboard?
- Are there children in the park?
- We are early. We have time.

3 Choose the correct item.

- There aren't children in the classroom.
A much **B many** C a lot of
- There isn't cheese in my sandwich.
A much B many C a lot of
- I've got books in my bag.
A much B many C a lot of
- There aren't strawberries in the bowl.
A much B many C a lot of
- How milk is there in the carton?
A much B many C a lot of
- Are there trees in the park?
A much B many C a lot of
- We've got flowers in our garden.
A much B many C a lot of
- There isn't cola in the bottle.
A much B many C a lot of

Interrogative	Positive	Negative
Any	Some	No / not any
Are there any eggs?	Yes, there are some eggs.	No, there are no eggs. No, there aren't any eggs.

- 1 **Some** is used in positive statements, **any** in questions and **no** or **not any** in negations.

Is there **any** meat in the fridge? No, there's **no** meat in the fridge. **or** There isn't **any** meat in the fridge. There are **some** bananas.

- 2 **Some** is also used in the interrogative when we expect a 'Yes' answer or when we want to offer something.

Can I have **some** coffee, please? Would you like **some** tea?

- 3 **Any** is also used in positive statements but it means 'it doesn't matter which.'

Which book can I get? Get **any** book you like! (It doesn't matter which book.)

5 Circle the correct item.

- Is there **some** / **any** milk in the fridge?
- There aren't **any** / **no** children in the park.
- Can I have **some** / **no** cola, please?
- Have you got **some** / **any** money?
- There is **any** / **no** tea in my cup.
- Would you like **some** / **any** chocolate?
- There are **any** / **no** books on the desk.
- There is **some** / **any** fresh juice in the fridge.
- Would you like **no** / **some** sugar in your coffee?
- You can call me **some** / **any** time you like.
- Can I have **some** / **any** water, please?
- There isn't **any** / **no** butter in my sandwich.