

Some, Any, No, A Lot Of, Too Many/Too Much, How Much/How Many

A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 3: A Picnic in the Park

Language Focus

We use these words to talk about quantity – how much or how many of something there is.

some	Positive sentences (countable & uncountable)	<i>We need some sandwiches for the picnic. We have some lemonade.</i>
any	Negative sentences and questions	<i>We don't have any juice today. Is there any lemonade in the bag?</i>
no	Another way to say "not any" (with is/are)	<i>There's no shade under this tree. (= There isn't any shade.)</i>
a lot of	A large quantity (countable & uncountable)	<i>We have a lot of sandwiches in the basket. We have a lot of lemonade.</i>
too many	Countable nouns – more than we need	<i>There are too many people near our favourite tree today!</i>
too much	Uncountable nouns – more than we need	<i>There is too much rubbish near the picnic tables today!</i>
how many	A question about countable nouns	<i>How many sandwiches do we need for the picnic?</i>
how much	A question about uncountable nouns	<i>How much water do we need for the walk?</i>

Remember: countable nouns have a plural (one sandwich, two sandwiches). Uncountable nouns do not (water, not "two waters").

Listening: Picnic in the Park

Listen to the dialogue (or read it with a partner). Then complete Exercise 1.

- Sam:** Let's have a picnic in the park today.
- Ella:** OK! Do we have any sandwiches for the picnic?
- Sam:** Yes, we have some sandwiches in the basket.
- Ella:** How many sandwiches do we have in the basket?
- Sam:** We have eight sandwiches in the basket.
- Ella:** Is there any water for the picnic today?
- Sam:** No, there isn't any water in the bag right now.
- Ella:** How much water do we need for the picnic?
- Sam:** We need two big bottles of water.
- Ella:** There are a lot of people in the park this afternoon.
- Sam:** Yes, there are too many people near our favourite tree!
- Ella:** OK, let's find another place under a different tree.
- Sam:** There's no rubbish bin near this part of the park.
- Ella:** Let's put our rubbish in a bag and take it home.

1. True or False

1. They have some sandwiches in the basket. True / False
2. There is some water in the bag right now. True / False
3. They have eight sandwiches in the basket. True / False
4. There are too many people near their favourite tree. True / False
5. There is a rubbish bin near this part of the park. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

1. We need ___ sandwiches for the picnic this afternoon.
some / any
2. Is there ___ lemonade in the bag for the children?
some / any
3. There isn't ___ cheese in the sandwiches today.
some / any
4. ___ apples do we need for the picnic basket?
How much / How many
5. ___ lemonade do we need for the whole family?
How much / How many
6. There are ___ dogs running around the park this morning!
a lot of / too many
7. There's ___ rubbish bin near the picnic tables today.
no / some

3. Matching

Draw a line to match each sentence to its meaning.

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| 1. We have a lot of sandwiches in the basket. | <i>A little water, not empty</i> |
| 2. There isn't any lemonade in the bag today. | <i>Too much rubbish – a mess</i> |
| 3. We have some water for the long walk. | <i>Many sandwiches – a large number</i> |
| 4. There are too many people near the pond. | <i>No lemonade at all</i> |
| 5. There is too much rubbish near the benches. | <i>Too many people – a crowded problem</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Write the correct word in each gap.

1. We need _____ sandwiches for the picnic this afternoon.
(choose: *some / any*)
2. Is there _____ lemonade in the bag for the children?
(choose: *some / any*)
3. There isn't _____ juice in the basket today.
(choose: *some / any*)
4. There are _____ people at the park today – it's very crowded!
(choose: *a lot of / too many*)
5. There's _____ shade under this tree – let's find another spot.
(choose: *no / some*)

5. Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. need / some / sandwiches / We / for / the / picnic / today
2. there / any / lemonade / Is / in / the / picnic / bag
3. are / too / many / dogs / in / the / park / today / There
4. have / a / lot / of / sandwiches / We / in / the / basket
5. is / no / shade / under / this / big / tree / There

6. Word Sort

Sort the words into the two groups.

sandwiches, lemonade, apples, water, dogs, juice, plates, rubbish, cups, food, chairs, sunshine

Things you can count (one, two, three...):

Things you can't count (no plural):

7. Complete the Conversation

Mia and Leo are packing up after their picnic. Complete with: some, any, no, how much, how many, too many.

Mia: Do we have _____ plates left in the basket after lunch?

Leo: Yes, we have _____ plates left in the basket.

Mia: Is there _____ juice left in the bottle for later?

Leo: No, there isn't _____ juice left in the bottle now.

Mia: How _____ water do we have for the walk home?

Leo: We have one big bottle of water for the walk.

Mia: How _____ apples do we have left in the basket?

Leo: We have ten apples - that's _____ apples for just two people!

1. True or False – Answers

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| 1. They have some sandwiches in the basket. | True |
| 2. There is some water in the bag right now. | False |
| 3. They have eight sandwiches in the basket. | True |
| 4. There are too many people near their favourite tree. | True |
| 5. There is a rubbish bin near this part of the park. | False |

2. Multiple Choice – Answers

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| 1. We need ___ sandwiches for the picnic this afternoon. | some |
| 2. Is there ___ lemonade in the bag for the children? | any |
| 3. There isn't ___ cheese in the sandwiches today. | any |
| 4. ___ apples do we need for the picnic basket? | How many |
| 5. ___ lemonade do we need for the whole family? | How much |
| 6. There are ___ dogs running around the park this morning! | too many |
| 7. There's ___ rubbish bin near the picnic tables today. | no |

3. Matching - Answers

1. We have a lot of sandwiches in the basket.
Many sandwiches - a large number
2. There isn't any lemonade in the bag today.
No lemonade at all
3. We have some water for the long walk.
A little water, not empty
4. There are too many people near the pond.
Too many people - a crowded problem
5. There is too much rubbish near the benches.
Too much rubbish - a mess

4. Gap Fill - Answers

1. We need ___ sandwiches for the picnic this afternoon. **some**
2. Is there ___ lemonade in the bag for the children? **any**
3. There isn't ___ juice in the basket today. **any**
4. There are ___ people at the park today - it's very crowded! **too many**
5. There's ___ shade under this tree. **no**

5. Word Order - Answers

1. We need some sandwiches for the picnic today.
2. Is there any lemonade in the picnic bag?
3. There are too many dogs in the park today.
4. We have a lot of sandwiches in the basket.
5. There is no shade under this big tree.

6. Word Sort - Answers

Things you can count (one, two, three...):

sandwiches, apples, dogs, plates, cups, chairs

Things you can't count (no plural):

lemonade, water, juice, rubbish, food, sunshine

7. Complete the Conversation - Answers

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| Mia: | Do we have ___ plates left in the basket? | any |
| Leo: | Yes, we have ___ plates left in the basket. | some |
| Mia: | Is there ___ juice left in the bottle? | any |
| Leo: | No, there isn't ___ juice left in the bottle. | any |
| Mia: | How ___ water do we have for the walk? | much |
| Mia: | How ___ apples do we have left? | many |
| Leo: | We have ten apples - that's ___ apples for just two people! | too many |