

Much, Many, A Little, A Few, Enough, A Couple Of

A2 English Worksheet – Lesson 1: Talking About Quantity More Precisely

Language Focus

At A2 level, we use more precise words to talk about quantity.

much	Uncountable nouns – questions and negative sentences	<i>How much coffee do we have? We don't have much time.</i>
many	Countable nouns – questions and negative sentences	<i>How many cups are clean? There aren't many biscuits left.</i>
a little	Uncountable nouns – a small amount, usually enough	<i>There's a little coffee left in the machine.</i>
a few	Countable nouns – a small number, usually enough	<i>We have a few pastries in the display case.</i>
enough / not enough	Sufficient / insufficient – any noun type	<i>We don't have enough cups for the rush hour.</i>
a couple of	A small number (often two) – countable nouns	<i>Can you order a couple of milk cartons?</i>

Remember: much and many usually appear in questions and negative sentences at this level. In positive sentences, we normally use a lot of instead.

Listening: A Busy Morning at the Café

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

- Rosa:** Ben, can you check the supplies before we open?
Ben: Sure. How much coffee do we have in the machine?
Rosa: There's only a little coffee left, so please make a fresh pot.
Ben: OK. How many cups are clean and ready?
Rosa: I'm not sure, but I don't think there are many left.
Ben: I'll wash a couple of trays right now.
Rosa: Great, thanks. Do we have enough milk for the morning?
Ben: Yes, we have enough milk, but we don't have much sugar.
Rosa: That's fine, we have a few extra bags in the storeroom.
Ben: Perfect. I think we're almost ready to open.
Rosa: One more thing - we don't have enough clean spoons for breakfast.
Ben: Don't worry, I'll wash a couple more before we open the doors.

1. True or False

Context: the café (from the listening)

1. Ben needs to make a fresh pot of coffee because there's only a little left. True / False
2. There are many clean cups ready before opening. True / False
3. Ben will wash a couple of trays. True / False
4. The café doesn't have enough milk this morning. True / False
5. There are enough clean spoons for breakfast. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: weekend chores at home

1. We don't have ___ time to clean the whole house before the guests arrive.
much / many
2. There aren't ___ clean towels left in the cupboard.
much / many
3. There's ___ milk left in the fridge, so we can still make tea.
a little / a few
4. We have ___ apples left, so let's make a small fruit salad.
a little / a few
5. Do we have ___ chairs for all the guests, or do we need more?
enough / a couple of
6. Could you buy ___ candles for the cake on your way home?
a couple of / much

3. Matching

Context: at the office

Draw a line to match each sentence to its meaning.

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| 1. We don't have much paper left in the printer. | <i>A small number of people needed</i> |
| 2. There aren't many people in the office today. | <i>Very few people are here</i> |
| 3. I have a little experience with this software. | <i>Almost no paper - a problem</i> |
| 4. She sent a few emails this morning. | <i>Some experience, but not a lot</i> |
| 5. We need a couple of volunteers for the project. | <i>A small number of emails - not many, not none</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: planning a trip

Write the correct word in each gap.

1. We don't have _____ money left for another trip this year.
(choose: *much* / *many*)
2. There aren't _____ flights available this weekend.
(choose: *much* / *many*)
3. There's _____ space left in my suitcase for souvenirs.
(choose: *a little* / *a few*)
4. I bought _____ postcards to send to my friends.
(choose: *a little* / *a few*)
5. We don't have _____ time to visit the museum before our flight.
(choose: *enough* / *a couple of*)

5. Word Order

Context: school and studying

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

1. have / don't / We / much / homework / tonight
2. aren't / many / There / students / in / the / classroom
3. little / a / is / There / time / left / before / the / exam
4. a / need / We / few / more / minutes / to / finish
5. have / don't / We / enough / books / for / everyone

6. Word Sort

Sort the words into the two groups.

books, money, students, time, flights, information, emails, homework, chairs, sugar

Countable (books, chairs...):

Uncountable (no plural):

7. Complete the Conversation

Context: planning a party

Zoe and Alex are getting ready for a party. Complete with: much, many, a little, a few, enough, a couple of.

Zoe: How _____ time do we have before the guests arrive?

Alex: We have about an hour. Do we have _____ chairs for everyone?

Zoe: I think so, but we don't have _____ plates - only ten of them.

Alex: That's fine. There's only _____ juice left in the fridge, so let's buy more.

Zoe: OK, let's get _____ bottles of soda too while we're at the shop.

Alex: Good idea. I also want to invite _____ more friends if that's OK.

Zoe: Sure! We don't have _____ time left, so let's hurry.

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A2 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 1

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. Ben needs to make a fresh pot of coffee because there's only a little left. | True |
| 2. There are many clean cups ready before opening. | False |
| 3. Ben will wash a couple of trays. | True |
| 4. The café doesn't have enough milk this morning. | False |
| 5. There are enough clean spoons for breakfast. | False |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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| 1. We don't have ___ time to clean the house. | much |
| 2. There aren't ___ clean towels left. | many |
| 3. There's ___ milk left in the fridge. | a little |
| 4. We have ___ apples left. | a few |
| 5. Do we have ___ chairs for all the guests? | enough |
| 6. Could you buy ___ candles for the cake? | a couple of |

3. Matching - Answers

1. We don't have much paper left in the printer.
Almost no paper - a problem
2. There aren't many people in the office today.
Very few people are here
3. I have a little experience with this software.
Some experience, but not a lot
4. She sent a few emails this morning.
A small number of emails - not many, not none
5. We need a couple of volunteers for the project.
A small number of people needed

4. Gap Fill - Answers

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| 1. We don't have ___ money left for another trip this year. | much |
| 2. There aren't ___ flights available this weekend. | many |
| 3. There's ___ space left in my suitcase for souvenirs. | a little |
| 4. I bought ___ postcards to send to my friends. | a few |
| 5. We don't have ___ time to visit the museum. | enough |

5. Word Order - Answers

1. We don't have much homework tonight.
2. There aren't many students in the classroom.
3. There is a little time left before the exam.
4. We need a few more minutes to finish.
5. We don't have enough books for everyone.

6. Word Sort - Answers

Countable (books, chairs...):

books, students, flights, emails, chairs

Uncountable (no plural):

money, time, information, homework, sugar

7. Complete the Conversation - Answers

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| Zoe: | How ___ time do we have before the guests arrive? | much |
| Alex: | Do we have ___ chairs for everyone? | enough |
| Zoe: | We don't have ___ plates - only ten of them. | many |
| Alex: | There's only ___ juice left in the fridge. | a little |
| Zoe: | Let's get ___ bottles of soda too. | a couple of |
| Alex: | I also want to invite ___ more friends. | a few |
| Zoe: | We don't have ___ time left, so let's hurry. | enough |