

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

A2 English Worksheet – Lesson 2: 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 water are we taking? We don't have much water yet.</i>
many	Countable nouns – questions and negative sentences	<i>How many sleeping bags do we have? We don't have many batteries.</i>
a little	Uncountable nouns – a small amount, usually enough	<i>There's a little firewood near the fire pit.</i>
a few	Countable nouns – a small number, usually enough	<i>We have a few spare batteries in the drawer.</i>
enough / not enough	Sufficient / insufficient – any noun type	<i>We have enough matches, so we're ready to go.</i>
a couple of	A small number (often two) – countable nouns	<i>Let's buy a couple of bottles on the way.</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: Packing for a Camping Trip

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

- Jack:** Have we got everything for the camping trip?
Sara: I think so. How many sleeping bags do we have?
Jack: We have four sleeping bags, so that should be enough.
Sara: Good. How much water are we taking?
Jack: We don't have much water yet - only two bottles.
Sara: Let's buy a couple of bottles on the way then.
Jack: Good idea. Do we have enough matches?
Sara: Yes, we have enough matches, but we don't have many batteries.
Jack: That's fine, we have a few spare batteries in the drawer.
Sara: Great. Is there a little firewood at the campsite already?
Jack: I'm not sure, but there's usually a little wood near the fire pit.
Sara: Perfect, let's finish packing and go!

1. True or False

Context: the camping trip (from the listening)

1. They have four sleeping bags, which should be enough. True / False
2. They already have a lot of water, more than enough. True / False
3. They have enough matches for the trip. True / False
4. They have many spare batteries in the drawer. True / False
5. There is no firewood at all near the fire pit. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: at the gym

1. I don't have ___ energy left after that workout.
much / many
2. There aren't ___ people at the gym this early in the morning.
much / many
3. There's ___ space left on the timetable for a personal trainer session.
a little / a few
4. I only have ___ minutes before my next class starts.
a little / a few
5. Do we have ___ towels for all the new members today?
enough / a couple of
6. Could you bring ___ extra mats for the yoga class?
a couple of / much

3. Matching

Context: family dinner and cooking

Draw a line to match each sentence to its meaning.

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| 1. We don't have much rice left for tonight's dinner. | <i>Two or a small number of plates needed</i> |
| 2. There aren't many vegetables in the fridge. | <i>Very few vegetables left</i> |
| 3. I added a little salt to the soup. | <i>Almost no rice - not enough</i> |
| 4. She invited a few relatives for dinner. | <i>A small amount, not too much</i> |
| 5. We need a couple of extra plates for the table. | <i>A small number of relatives - not everyone</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: first day at a new job

Write the correct word in each gap.

1. I don't have _____ experience in this industry yet.
(choose: *much / many*)
2. There aren't _____ people in my new department.
(choose: *much / many*)
3. I have _____ confidence about my first presentation.
(choose: *a little / a few*)
4. I've already met _____ colleagues from my team.
(choose: *a little / a few*)
5. I don't have _____ information about the new project yet.
(choose: *enough / a couple of*)

5. Word Order

Context: sports day

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

1. have / don't / We / much / time / before / the / race / starts
2. aren't / many / There / runners / in / this / competition / today
3. little / a / is / There / rain / forecast / for / this / afternoon
4. a / need / We / few / more / players / for / the / team
5. have / don't / We / enough / space / for / everyone / to / sit

6. Word Sort

Sort the words into the two groups.

matches, water, batteries, energy, towels, salt, plates, confidence, players, rain

Countable (matches, plates...):

Uncountable (no plural):

7. Complete the Conversation

Context: a day at the beach

Mia and Leo are having a day at the beach. Complete with: much, many, a little, a few, enough, a couple of.

Mia: How _____ time do we have before the tide comes in?

Leo: We have about two hours. Do we have _____ sunscreen for everyone?

Mia: I think so, but we don't have _____ towels - only three of them.

Leo: That's okay, we can share. There's _____ shade under this umbrella, but it's small.

Mia: Let's rent _____ umbrellas from the shop then.

Leo: Good idea! We don't have _____ chairs either - only two.

Mia: I also want to buy _____ more snacks for later.

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A2 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 2

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. They have four sleeping bags, which should be enough. | True |
| 2. They already have a lot of water, more than enough. | False |
| 3. They have enough matches for the trip. | True |
| 4. They have many spare batteries in the drawer. | False |
| 5. There is no firewood at all near the fire pit. | False |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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| 1. I don't have ___ energy left after that workout. | much |
| 2. There aren't ___ people at the gym this early. | many |
| 3. There's ___ space left on the timetable. | a little |
| 4. I only have ___ minutes before my next class. | a few |
| 5. Do we have ___ towels for all the new members? | enough |
| 6. Could you bring ___ extra mats for the class? | a couple of |

3. Matching - Answers

1. We don't have much rice left for tonight's dinner.
Almost no rice - not enough
2. There aren't many vegetables in the fridge.
Very few vegetables left
3. I added a little salt to the soup.
A small amount, not too much
4. She invited a few relatives for dinner.
A small number of relatives - not everyone
5. We need a couple of extra plates for the table.
Two or a small number of plates needed

4. Gap Fill - Answers

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| 1. I don't have ___ experience in this industry yet. | much |
| 2. There aren't ___ people in my new department. | many |
| 3. I have ___ confidence about my first presentation. | a little |
| 4. I've already met ___ colleagues from my team. | a few |
| 5. I don't have ___ information about the new project. | enough |

5. Word Order - Answers

1. We don't have much time before the race starts.
2. There aren't many runners in this competition today.
3. There is a little rain forecast for this afternoon.
4. We need a few more players for the team.
5. We don't have enough space for everyone to sit.

6. Word Sort - Answers

Countable (matches, plates...):

matches, batteries, towels, plates, players

Uncountable (no plural):

water, energy, salt, confidence, rain

7. Complete the Conversation - Answers

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| Mia: | How ___ time do we have before the tide comes in? | much |
| Leo: | Do we have ___ sunscreen for everyone? | enough |
| Mia: | We don't have ___ towels - only three of them. | many |
| Leo: | There's ___ shade under this umbrella. | a little |
| Mia: | Let's rent ___ umbrellas from the shop. | a couple of |
| Leo: | We don't have ___ chairs either - only two. | enough |
| Mia: | I also want to buy ___ more snacks. | a few |