

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

A2 English Worksheet – Lesson 4: 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>We don't have much time before the gates open. How much electricity do we have?</i>
many	Countable nouns – questions and negative sentences	<i>How many security staff have arrived? We don't have many generators.</i>
a little	Uncountable nouns – a small amount, usually enough	<i>There's a little signal near the entrance.</i>
a few	Countable nouns – a small number, usually enough	<i>We have a few backup generators in the van.</i>
enough / not enough	Sufficient / insufficient – any noun type	<i>We have enough wristbands for everyone.</i>
a couple of	A small number (often two) – countable nouns	<i>Let's set up a couple of extra routers near the stages.</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: Setting Up a Music Festival

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

Mia: How's the festival setup going?

Tom: Not bad, but we don't have much time before the gates open.

Mia: How many security staff have arrived so far?

Tom: We don't have many security staff yet - only eight people.

Mia: That's a little concerning. Do we have enough wristbands for everyone?

Tom: Yes, we have enough wristbands, but we don't have much electricity for the smaller stages.

Mia: We have a few backup generators in the van.

Tom: Good. Is there enough signal for the ticket scanners?

Mia: There's a little signal near the entrance, but not much elsewhere.

Tom: Let's set up a couple of extra routers near the stages.

Mia: Great idea. We also need a few more volunteers to guide people.

Tom: I'll ask a couple of stewards to help with that.

1. True or False

Context: the music festival (from the listening)

1. They don't have much time before the gates open. True / False
2. Many security staff have already arrived. True / False
3. They have enough wristbands for everyone. True / False
4. There is a lot of signal everywhere at the venue. True / False
5. They need more volunteers to guide people. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: renovating an old house

1. We don't have ___ money left for new furniture after the renovation.
much / many
2. There aren't ___ original features left in this old house.
much / many
3. There's ___ damage to the roof, but nothing serious.
a little / a few
4. We've already fixed ___ cracks in the walls.
a little / a few
5. Do we have ___ paint left to finish the last room?
enough / a couple of
6. Could you order ___ extra light fixtures for the hallway?
a couple of / much

3. Matching

Context: starting a small bakery business

Draw a line to match each sentence to its meaning.

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| 1. We don't have much capital to expand the bakery yet. | <i>Two or a small number of ovens needed</i> |
| 2. There aren't many customers early in the morning. | <i>Very few customers at that time</i> |
| 3. I have a little experience running a small business. | <i>Almost no money for expansion</i> |
| 4. We've already hired a few part-time staff. | <i>Some experience, but not a lot</i> |
| 5. We need a couple of new ovens for the kitchen. | <i>A small number of employees - not many</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: applying to university

Write the correct word in each gap.

1. I don't have _____ time left to finish my application.
(choose: much / many)
2. There aren't _____ universities offering this specific course.
(choose: much / many)
3. I have _____ doubt about which country to choose.
(choose: a little / a few)
4. I've already contacted _____ universities for more information.
(choose: a little / a few)
5. I don't have _____ information about the visa requirements yet.
(choose: enough / a couple of)

5. Word Order

Context: wildlife conservation

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

1. have / don't / We / much / support / for / the / new / reserve
2. aren't / many / There / rangers / working / in / this / national / park
3. little / a / is / There / hope / for / the / endangered / species
4. a / need / We / few / more / cameras / to / monitor / wildlife
5. have / don't / We / enough / evidence / to / protect / this / habitat

6. Word Sort

Sort the words into the two groups.

wristbands, electricity, generators, signal, routers, equipment, scanners, security, stewards, information

Countable (wristbands, generators...):

Uncountable (no plural):

7. Complete the Conversation

Context: organising a wedding

Ella and Ryan are organising their wedding. Complete with: much, many, a little, a few, enough, a couple of.

Ella: How _____ time do we have before the ceremony starts?

Ryan: We have about three hours. Do we have _____ chairs for all the guests?

Ella: I think so, but we don't have _____ flowers for the tables yet.

Ryan: That's fine, we can share. We only have _____ space for the dance floor, so we need to plan carefully.

Ella: Good point. Let's ask _____ relatives to help set up the tables.

Ryan: Great idea. We also need _____ more candles for the centrepieces.

Ella: I'll order _____ extra bouquets from the florist.

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A2 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 4

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. They don't have much time before the gates open. | True |
| 2. Many security staff have already arrived. | False |
| 3. They have enough wristbands for everyone. | True |
| 4. There is a lot of signal everywhere at the venue. | False |
| 5. They need more volunteers to guide people. | True |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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| 1. We don't have ___ money left for new furniture after the renovation. | much |
| 2. There aren't ___ original features left in this old house. | many |
| 3. There's ___ damage to the roof, but nothing serious. | a little |
| 4. We've already fixed ___ cracks in the walls. | a few |
| 5. Do we have ___ paint left to finish the last room? | enough |
| 6. Could you order ___ extra light fixtures for the hallway? | a couple of |

3. Matching - Answers

1. We don't have much capital to expand the bakery yet.
Almost no money for expansion
2. There aren't many customers early in the morning.
Very few customers at that time
3. I have a little experience running a small business.
Some experience, but not a lot
4. We've already hired a few part-time staff.
A small number of employees - not many
5. We need a couple of new ovens for the kitchen.
Two or a small number of ovens needed

4. Gap Fill - Answers

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| 1. I don't have ___ time left to finish my application. | much |
| 2. There aren't ___ universities offering this course. | many |
| 3. I have ___ doubt about which country to choose. | a little |
| 4. I've already contacted ___ universities for information. | a few |
| 5. I don't have ___ information about the visa requirements. | enough |

5. Word Order - Answers

1. We don't have much support for the new reserve.
2. There aren't many rangers working in this national park.
3. There is a little hope for the endangered species.
4. We need a few more cameras to monitor wildlife.
5. We don't have enough evidence to protect this habitat.

6. Word Sort - Answers

Countable (wristbands, generators...):

wristbands, generators, routers, scanners, stewards

Uncountable (no plural):

electricity, signal, equipment, security, information

7. Complete the Conversation - Answers

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| Ella: | How ___ time do we have before the ceremony? | much |
| Ryan: | Do we have ___ chairs for all the guests? | enough |
| Ella: | We don't have ___ flowers for the tables yet. | many |
| Ryan: | We only have ___ space for the dance floor. | a little |
| Ella: | Let's ask ___ relatives to help set up. | a few |
| Ryan: | We also need ___ more candles for the centrepieces. | a few |
| Ella: | I'll order ___ extra bouquets from the florist. | a couple of |