

## a lot much many

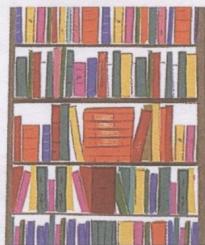
A



a lot of money



not much money



a lot of books



not many books

We use **much** + noncount noun  
(**much food** / **much money**, etc.):

- Did you buy **much food**?
- We don't have **much luggage**.
- How **much money** do you want?
- A: Do you have any **money**?
- B: I have some, but **not much**.

We use **a lot of** + both types of noun:

- We bought **a lot of food**.
- Paula doesn't have **a lot of free time**.

We say:

- There **is** a lot of **food/money/water** ...  
(singular verb)

We use **many** + plural noun  
(**many books** / **many people**, etc.):

- Did you buy **many books**?
- We don't know **many people**.
- How **many photos** did you take?
- A: Did you take any **photos**?
- B: I took some, but **not many**.

- We bought **a lot of books**.
- Did they ask **a lot of questions**?

- There **are** a lot of **trees/stores/people** ...  
(plural verb)
- A lot of **people speak** English.  
(not speaks)

B

**Much** and **many** are more usual in *questions* and *negative sentences*:

- Do you drink **much coffee**?
- I don't drink **much coffee**.
- Do you have **many friends**?
- We don't have **many friends**.

We use **a lot of** in all types of sentences (*affirmative, negative, questions*):

- I drink **a lot of coffee**.
- We don't have **a lot of friends**.
- Do you know **a lot of people**?

**Much** is especially unusual in *affirmative sentences*:

- I eat **a lot of fruit**. (*not much fruit*)
- "Do you eat **much fruit**?" "Yes, **a lot**."

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You can use **much** and **a lot** without a noun:

- Rachel spoke to me, but she didn't say **much**.
- "Do you watch TV **much**?" "No, **not much**." (= not often)
- We like movies, so we go to the movies **a lot**. (*not go to the movies much*)
- I don't like him very **much**.

# Exercises

81.1

## Write **much** or **many**.

- Did you buy much food?
- There aren't ..... hotels in this town.
- We don't have ..... gas. We need to stop and get some.
- Were there ..... people on the train?
- Did ..... students fail the exam?
- Samantha doesn't have ..... money.
- I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat .....
- I don't know where Eric lives these days. I haven't seen him for ..... years.

## Write **How much** or **How many**.

- ..... people are coming to the party?
- ..... milk should I get at the store?
- ..... bread did you buy?
- ..... players are there on a football team?

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## Complete the sentences. Use **much** or **many** with these words:

**books**   **countries**   **luggage**   **people**   **time**   **times**

- I don't read very much. I don't have many books .....
- Hurry up! We don't have .....
- Do you travel a lot? Have you been to ..... ?
- Hannah hasn't lived here very long, so she doesn't know .....
- "Do you have ..... ?" "No, only this bag."
- I don't know New York very well. I haven't been there .....

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## Complete the sentences. Use **a lot of** + these words:

**accidents**   **books**   **fun**   **interesting things**   **traffic**

- I like reading. I have a lot of books .....
- We enjoyed our visit to the museum. We saw .....
- This road is very dangerous. There are .....
- We enjoyed our vacation. We had .....
- It took me a long time to drive here. There was .....

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## In some of these sentences **much** is not natural. Change the sentences or write **OK**.

- Do you drink much coffee?
- I drink much tea.
- It was a cold winter. We had much snow.
- There wasn't much snow last winter.
- It costs much money to travel around the world.
- This pen was cheap. It didn't cost much.
- Do you know much about computers?
- "Do you have any luggage?" "Yes, much."

**OK**a lot of tea

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## Write sentences about these people. Use **much** and **a lot**.

- Jake loves movies. (go to the movies)
- Nicole thinks TV is boring. (watch TV)
- Lauren is a good tennis player. (play tennis)
- Nick doesn't like to drive. (use his car)
- Matt spends most of the time at home. (go out)
- Sue has been all over the world. (travel)

He goes to the movies a lot.She doesn't watch TV much.SheHe