

English Grammar: How much / How many

Countable nouns: **many (plural 's')**

Uncountable nouns: **much (no plural)**

Countable nouns ('s' for plural): "many" / "How many?"

book(s), student(s), baby(ies), vegetarian(s), bicycle(s), friend(s), glass(es), bottle(s), table(s)

- I have **many** book**S** about architecture at home.
- There are **many** vegetarian**S** in France.
- There are **not many** bicycle**S** in São Paulo.
- A: Do you have **many** friend**S** on Facebook? B: Yes, a lot!
- A: **How many** kid**S** do you have? B: Six!
- A: **How many** employee**S** are there in your company? B: About 200.
- A: **How many** bicycle**S** are there in China? B: A lot!

Uncountable nouns (no plural): "much" / "How much?"

rice, juice, coffee, water, bread, pollution, furniture, time, money, information, advice, work, homework, food

- I don't have **much** free time during the week.
- There is **not much** pollution in Curitiba.
- A: Do you drink **much** coffee? B: No, I don't.
- There is **not much** information about London in this pamphlet.
- I need **much** advice from my teacher about the test tomorrow.
- A: **How much** money do you have? B: **Not much!**

The question "**How much**" often refers to money.

A: **How much** is this shirt? B: \$22.

A: **How much** do you earn? B: About \$24,000 a year.

A: **How much** do I need? B: \$100 is enough.

Exercise 1. Complete the statements with "many", "much", "not many" or "not much".

1. John likes _____ different sports but football is his favorite.
2. I always have _____ homework to do.
3. I drink _____ coffee but _____ tea.
4. A: Do you have _____ friends? B: Yes, I do!
5. A: How _____ does a doctor earn? B: A lot!
6. A: How _____ cell phones do you have? B: Three.

Exercise 2. Complete the questions with “How much” or “How many” .

1. _____ tea do we need?
2. _____ eggs should we buy?
3. _____ rice would you like?
4. _____ money do you have?
5. _____ cigarettes do you smoke every day?
6. _____ cartons of milk do you have?
7. _____ work do you do at weekends?
8. _____ bottles of wine are there in the cellar?
9. _____ English grammar do you know?
10. _____ Americans do you know?
11. _____ sugar do you like in your coffee?
12. _____ bread do you eat every day?
13. _____ friends do you have?
14. _____ furniture do you have in your home office?
15. _____ apples do you eat every week?
16. _____ free time do you have at the weekend?
17. _____ information do you need?
18. _____ advice do you give to your kids?
19. _____ times do you eat fruit every day?
20. _____ homework do you get every week?

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