

English Grammar: much/many/a lot/little/few/more/less/fewer

Quantity	Countable	Uncountable
Excessive:	too many	too much
Large:	many / a lot (of)	much / a lot (of)
Small:	few	little
Sufficient:	a few	a little
Insufficient:	too few	too little
Comparison:	more than / fewer than	more than / less than

Examples:

Teacher: "I have **few** students. I am not very busy."

Teacher: "I have **a few** students, but I would like more."

Teacher: "I have **many** students. I am very busy."

Teacher: "I have **too many** students. I am very stressed!"

Sheikh: "I have **a few** properties in Saudi Arabia. I don't need any more."

Sheikh: "I have **few** properties in California. I will buy more."

Teenager: "I have **many** problems. My life is difficult."

Teenager: "I have **a few** problems, but I'm sure they will be resolved soon."

Teenager: "I have **few** problems. My life is easy."

Pensioner: "I have **few** friends. I am lonely."

Pensioner: "I have **a few** friends, so I am happy."

Man: "I have **little** money. I live in a very small apartment."

Man: "I have **a little** money, so I live in a nice apartment."

Man: "I have **much** money. I live in a big house."

Man: "I have **too much** money. I don't know how to invest it!"

Executive: "I have **a little** free time, so I spend some time with my family."

Executive: "I have **little** free time. I spend **little** time with my family."

Friend: "I know **little** about your country. Tell me about it."

Friend: "I know **a little** about your country, but tell me more."

Friend: "I know **a lot** about your country. I have been there **many** times."

Financial advisor: "I have **a little** advice that may help you. Please sit down."

Financial advisor: "I have **little** advice to offer you. You can go now."

Executive: "I drink **more** coffee **than** tea."

Executive: "I drink **less** coffee **than** tea."

Lawyer: "I have **more** books **than** my colleagues."

Lawyer: "I have **fewer** books **than** my colleagues."

Joke: I know a little German! *Eu sei um pouco de alemão.*
Eu conheço um alemão pequeno!



Exercise:

1. I drink _____ water every day. I am very healthy!
2. She earns _____ money than her husband, so she pays the mortgage.
3. There is _____ happiness in North Korea. The people are suppressed by the dictator.
4. This is not enough food. I need _____ than this!
5. There are _____ skyscrapers in São Paulo.
6. There are _____ people in Brazil than in the UK.
7. My son has _____ video games than I can count!
8. I have _____ luck – I rarely win anything!
9. There are _____ hot days in the winter.
10. A: How many pairs of shoes does your wife have? B: _____ !

Suggested video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQluZ6YJ760> (3 mins)