

a lot much many

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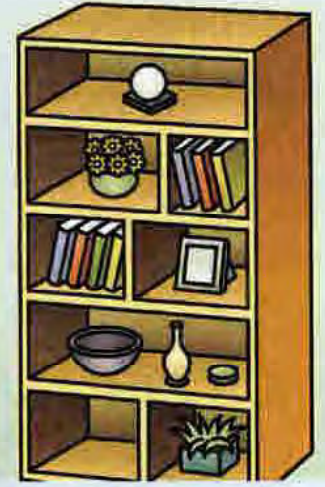
a lot of money



not much money



a lot of books



not many books

We use **much** + *uncountable 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 **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 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 bought **a lot of books**.
- Did they ask **a lot of questions**?

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

B

We use **much** in *questions* and *negative sentences*:

- Do you drink **much coffee**?
- I don't drink **much coffee**.

But we do not often use **much** in *positive sentences*:

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

We use **many** and **a lot of** in all types of sentences (*positive/negative/question*):

- We have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- We don't have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- Do you have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends?

C

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

- Donna 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**.

84.1 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?
- Paula doesn't have _____ money.
- I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat _____.
- I don't know where Gary 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?

84.2 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 _____?
- Tina hasn't lived here very long, so she doesn't know _____.
- "Do you have _____?" "No, only this bag."
- I know Tokyo very well. I've been there _____.

84.3 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 _____.

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

- Do you drink much coffee? OK
- I drink much tea. a lot of 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." _____

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

- Jim loves movies. (go to the movies) He goes to the movies a lot.
- Nicole thinks TV is boring. (watch TV) She doesn't watch TV much.
- Tina is a good tennis player. (play tennis) She _____
- Martin doesn't like to drive. (use his car) He _____
- Paul spends most of the time at home. (go out) _____
- Sue has been all over the world. (travel) _____