

Quantifieurs : Much, many, little and few

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We use **much** and **little** with uncountable nouns:

much time / **much** luck / **little** energy / **little** money/

We use **many** and **few** with plural nouns:

many friends / **many** people / **few** cars / **few** countries

We use **much/many** especially in negative sentences and questions. A lot (of) is also possible:

- We didn't spend **much** money, (or We didn't spend a lot of money.)
- Do you know **many** people? (or Do you know a lot of people?)
- I don't go out **much**, (or I don't go out a lot.)

In positive sentences **a lot** (of) is more usual. **Much** is unusual in positive sentences in spoken English:

- We spent **a lot** of money, (**not** 'We spent much money')
- He goes out **a lot**. (**not** 'He goes out much')

You can use **many** in positive sentences, but **a lot** (of) is more usual in spoken English:

- **A lot** of people (or **Many** people) drive too fast.

But note that we use **too much** and **so much** in positive sentences:

- We spent **too much** money.

Little and **few** (without 'a') are negative ideas (=not much / not many):

- We must be quick. There is **little** time. (=not much, not enough time)
- He isn't popular. He has **few** friends. (=not many, not enough friends)

You can say very **little** and very **few**:

- There is very **little** time.
- He has very **few** friends.

Put in much, many, few or little:

Questions:

1. He isn't very popular. He has _____ friends
 2. Ann is very busy these days. She has _____ free time.
 3. Did you take _____ photographs when you were on holidays?
 4. I'm not very busy today. I haven't got _____ to do.
 5. The museum was very crowded. There were too _____ people.
 6. Most of the town is modern. There are _____ old buildings.
 7. The weather has been very dry recently. We've had _____ rain.
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REPONSES :

1. few
 2. little
 3. many
 4. much
 5. many
 6. few
 7. little
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