

Lesson 54

Quantitative Pronouns

Definition: Quantitative pronouns express the meaning of an indefinite or definite number and quantity. They are used with both countable and uncountable nouns.

Quantitative Pronouns	Use with countable nouns	Use with uncountable nouns
much	X	V
many	V	X
a lot of	V	V
lots of	V	V
few	V	X
a few	V	X
little	X	V
a little	X	V
plenty of	V	V
a large amount of	X	V
a great deal of	X	V

Quantitative Pronouns	Examples
much	I drank too much water. Our teacher gave us too much homework.
many	Many cars are equipped with GPS systems. I have many friends.
a lot of	I drank a lot of coffee. I ate a lot of apples.
lots of	Julia eats lots of vegetables. He had lots of information.
few	I read few pages. I have few lemons.
a few	I read a few pages. I have a few lemons.

little	I drank little water. I have little money.
a little	I drank a little water. I have a little money.
plenty of	Try to eat plenty of fresh fruit. They have plenty of satisfied customers.
a large amount of	They may lose a large amount of money. They have a large amount of work.
a great deal of	He feels a great deal of pain. It will take a great deal of time.

Remember:

1. We use 'a lot of' mostly in positive sentences, for example:

I drink a lot of tea.

She is carrying a lot of books.

2. We use 'much' and 'many' mostly in questions and negative sentences, for example:

How much money do you have?

Note:

Adverb a lot

The adverb "a lot" means "very often" or "very much". It is often placed at the end of a sentence and never before a noun:

I like basketball a lot.

She's a lot happier now than she was.

I don't go there a lot anymore.