

How Much or How Many?



Category: ✓ General English

Topic: ✓ Needs

Media: ✓ Audio

Level: ✓ A1 Beginner

Grammar: ✓ Much / Many

Learning Focus: ✓ Grammar, Listening, Speaking, Vocabulary



Task 1

Look at the pictures and words. Write C (countable) or U (uncountable) next to them. Next, write "a" or "an" before the words wherever possible.



paper



book



newspaper



computer



Internet



smart phone



water



bottle



wine



glass



food



sandwich



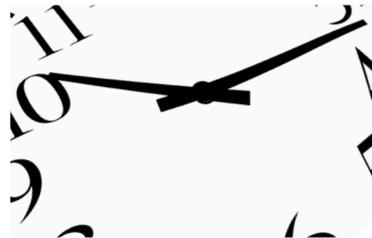
snack



time



minute



hour

Write three things you usually do in a day.

Example: I read a newspaper in the morning.

- a)
- b)
- c)



Task 2

Fill in the blanks with “How much” or “How many”. Next, answer the questions about yourself.

- 1a. coffee do you drink a day?
- 1b. liters of water do you drink a day?
- 2a. paper do you use at work?
- 2b. phones do you use at work?
- 3a. hours a day do you spend in a car?
- 3b. time a week do you spend in a car?
- 4a. people do you work with?
- 4b. space do you have at your desk?



Task 3

Read the dialogues. Fill in the blanks with the given phrases.
Next, answer the question.

1. How many hours do you exercise a week? (many / not many)

Mark: _____ . I walk my dog once a day.

Toby: _____ . I go jogging every morning, and I play tennis twice a week.

2. How much alcohol do you drink? (a lot / any)

Mark: _____ . I usually drink three to four cans of beer in the evening.

Toby: I don't drink _____ . It's not healthy.

3. How much fast food do you eat? (a lot / not much)

Mark: _____ . I usually order pizza for dinner.

Toby: _____ . I sometimes eat burgers.

4. How many hours do you work? (many / not many)

Mark: _____ . I don't work regular hours.

Toby: _____ . I have my own business, so I must work hard.

5. How much free time do you have? (a lot / some)

Mark: _____ . I just relax or watch TV.

Toby: I have _____ . My life is busy, but I'm well organized.

Whose lifestyle is healthy? Why?



Task 4

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

coffee / emails / fast / paper / pens / people / snacks / time / wine

At work

1. I don't have any free _____ .

2. I drink a lot of _____ , but I don't drink any _____ .

3. I use a lot of _____ to take notes.

4. I eat some _____ , but I don't eat any _____ food.

5. I write with a lot of colored _____ .

6. I read some _____ in the morning.

7. I sit with some _____ in the conference room.



Task 5

Listen to the **audio**. Put a check mark (✓) next to the things that are ready for the party in the audio.



Food	Drinks	Other Things
a) snacks	f) soft drinks	k) music
b) fruit	g) juice	
c) ice cream	h) beer	
d) cake	i) wine	
e) pizza	j) water	

Listen again. Complete the sentences with the words you hear in the audio.

- We have some fruit and some cake, but _____.
- We'll _____ some pizza.
- How much wine do you have?
_____ or _____ bottles, I guess.
- A lot of _____ are coming to the party.
- He's a _____.
- See you _____!



Task 6

Read the text. Fill in the blanks with a lot of / some / not much / not many / no so the sentences are true for you.

How much food do you need? How many drinks do you need?

- _____ snacks
- _____ candy
- _____ sandwiches
- _____ fruit
- _____ fast food
- _____ coffee
- _____ milk
- _____ tea
- _____ bottles of water
- _____ juice

GRAMMAR REVIEW

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

Countable Nouns

Things that you can count (1, 2, 3...) are countable. Countable nouns have a singular and plural form. Use “a” or “an” before singular countable nouns (a/an=one).

Examples:

I eat **an apple** every morning. (*one apple*)

I like **bananas**.

She drinks **a cup of coffee** at ten o'clock. (*one cup of coffee*)

Use “How many” to ask about the number of countable things.

Examples:

How many eggs do you eat for breakfast? I eat two eggs.

How many bottles of water do you drink a week? I drink five bottles of water a week.

Uncountable Nouns

Things that you can't count are uncountable. Uncountable nouns only have one form. We don't use “a” or “an” before uncountable nouns.

Examples:

I like **tea**.

Simon doesn't eat **bread**.

I'm allergic to **milk**.

Use “How much” to ask about the amount of uncountable things.

Examples:

How much sugar do you have with your coffee?

How much wine do you drink a week?

Countable and Uncountable Nouns – Expressions of Quantity

Countable Nouns

You can answer the “How many?” question with the following expressions:

a lot of, e.g., I eat **a lot of** vegetables every day.

some, e.g., My sister writes **some** emails at work.

(not) many, e.g., We don't have **many** books.

(not) any, e.g., Mark doesn't have **any** sandwiches.

Uncountable Nouns

You can answer the "How much?" question with the following expressions:

a lot of, e.g., Paul drinks **a lot of** beer on the weekend.

some, e.g., I usually make **some** toast for breakfast.

(not) much, e.g., He doesn't have **much** time.

(not) any, e.g., I don't have **any** coffee. Sorry!

NOTES

A series of horizontal dashed lines for writing notes.