

HOW TO EXPRESS QUANTITY?

To express the amount of something there is, we need to use quantifiers, such as:

1) MUCH: (moito/a)

We use '**much**' with **uncountable nouns**. It's very usual in negative and in interrogative sentences. In affirmative sentences it's more usual to use 'a lot of' or 'lots of':

Example:

There isn't **much milk** in this bottle. (-)

How much milk are there in the fridge? (?)

There is **a lot of milk** in this kitchen. (+)

2) MANY: (moitos/as)

We use '**many**' with **countable nouns**.

Examples:

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There are **many apples** in this kitchen. (+)

There aren't **many sandwiches** on the table. (-)

How many pets have you got? (?)

3) A LOT OF, LOTS OF: (un montón de, montóns de)

We use 'a lot of' and 'lots of' with **countable and uncountable nouns** in **affirmative sentences**.

Example:

There is **a lot of orange juice** in my glass. (+)

There are **lots of bees** in this garden! (+)

4) A LITTLE: (un pouco)

We use 'a little' with **uncountable nouns**.

Example:

I have **a little coffee** in my cup. (+)

5) A FEW: (*uns poucos*)

We use 'a few' with **countable nouns**.

Example:

There are **a few dogs** barking outside!

6) LITTLE: (*pouco*)

We use 'little' with **uncountable nouns**.

Example:

There is **little water** at home, we need to buy more!

7) FEW: (*poucos*)

We use 'few' with **countable nouns**.

Example:

There are **few strawberries** at home, we need to buy more!

8) SOME: (*algo de, algúns/algunhas*)

We use 'some' in affirmative sentences with countable and uncountable nouns.

Example:

*I have **some pencils** here. (countable noun: pencil) (= Teño **algúns** lapis aquí).*

*I have **some sugar** in this box. (uncountable noun: sugar) (= Teño algo de azucre nesta caixa).*

9) ANY: (*algo de, algún(s)/algunha(s) in interrogative sentences, 'nada de', 'ningún/ningunha' in negative sentences*)

We use 'any':

A) In interrogative sentences with **countable and uncountable nouns**.

Example:

*Is there **any milk** in your glass? (uncountable noun: milk) (= Hai algo de leite no teu vaso?)*

*Are there **any pears** in this basket? (countable noun: pear) (= Hai algunhas peras nesta cesta?)*

B) In negative sentences with **countable and uncountable nouns**.

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Example:

There isn't **any milk** in your glass. (*uncountable noun: milk*) (= *Non hai nada de leite no teu vaso*).

There aren't **any pears** in this basket. (*countable noun: pear*) (= *Non hai ningunha pera nesta cesta*).