



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 83 – A lot / much / many

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A CÁCH DÙNG “ A LOT OF, MUCH, MANY ”



a lot of money



not much money



a lot of books



not many books

We use **much** + *uncountable noun*
(much food / **much money** etc.):

- Ex1A: Did you buy **much food**?
- Ex2A: We don't have **much luggage**.
- Ex3A: How **much money** do you want?
- Ex4A: A: Do you have any **money**?
B: I have some, but **not much**.

We use **many** + *plural noun*
(**many books** / **many people** etc.):

- Ex1B: Did you buy **many books**?
- Ex2B: We don't know **many people**.
- Ex3B: How **many photos** did you take?
- Ex4B: A: Did you take any **photos**?
B: I took some, but **not many**.

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We use **a lot of** + *both types of noun*:

- Ex5A: We bought **a lot of food**.
- Ex6A: Paula doesn't have **a lot of free time**.
- Ex5B: We bought **a lot of books**.
- Ex6B: Did they ask **a lot of questions**?

We say:

- Ex7A: There **is** a lot of **food/money/water**.
(*singular verb*)
- Ex7B-1: There **are** a lot of **trees/shops/ people**
... (*plural verb*)
- Ex7B-2: A lot of **people speak** English.
(*not speaks*)

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B “MANY, MUCH, A LOT OF ” VỚI CÂU KHẲNG ĐỊNH, PHỦ ĐỊNH VÀ CÂU HỎI

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

- Ex8: Do you drink **much coffee**?
- Ex9: I don't drink **much coffee**.

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

- Ex10: I drink **a lot of coffee**. (*not* I drink much coffee)
- Ex11: '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):

- Ex12: We have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- Ex13: We don't have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- Ex14: Do you have **many** friends / **a lot of** friends?

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C CÁCH DÙNG KHÁC CỦA “MUCH” VÀ “A LOT”

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

- Ex15: Amy spoke to me, but she didn't say **much**.
- Ex16: 'Do you watch TV **much**?' 'No, not much.' (= not often)
- Ex17: We like films, so we go to the cinema **a lot**. (not go to the cinema much)
- Ex18: I don't like him very **much**.

countable / uncountable → **Unit 67-68**