

Much – Many Some – Any – No (+ derivatives) a/an Little – Few A lot of

(Indefinite Pronouns)

Rule I: Much is used with uncountable and *many* with countable nouns. They don't always coincide with the same Russian nouns. E.g. *Clothes, fish, staff* are plural in English, but *news, advice, fruit* are singular. Some nouns are irregular (*men, feet, teeth, mice*) and some have the same form in singular and plural (*sheep, deer, means, series*). *Much* is also an adverb.

1. Complete with *much* or *many*. You will sometimes need to choose the correct form of the verb *be*.
- 1) Being a milkman? There isn't/aren'tmoney in this business.
- 2) Is/are theretrees in your district?
- 3) "Sobroken hearts in Casablanca" is a great song, isn't it?
- 4) I've got toowork at the moment.
- 5) From veryDali's works, I like "The Persistence of Memory" most of all.
- 6) My son doesn't eatfruit but he really likes tangerines.
- 7) I don't seeof her now.
- 8) You do too.....exercise! Howtimes a week do you work out in the gym?
- 9) Howtime do you normally spend in front of your computer?
- 10) How.....is/are a cup of coffee and a ham sandwich?
- 11) This dress costs £ 225! That's too
- 12) There isn't/aren'tgood news in the newspapers these days.
- 13) Howdrinks did you order?
- 14) I hate this Agony Aunt column! They give toostupid advice.
- 15) You've got tooclothes. Howdo you spend on them in a year?
- 16) We don't needfurniture for our new flat, just a sofa, two armchairs and some shelves.
- 17) They say the company employs too.....staff. They're going to lay off ten people!
- 18) We saw sodeer in the park. They are amazing!
- 19) There is/are sotrout (форель) in this river.
- 20) How can one have 'tooknowledge'?
- 21) Howteeth has your baby got?
- 22) What did I see in Ireland? – Old castles, the sea, wild animals and sosheep on the roads!
- 23) I don't knowabout Ancient history.
- 24) I am going to get a cat. There is/are somice in my house!
- 25) These goldfish is/are so beautiful! Howhave you got?

Rule II: Some and its derivatives are used in affirmative sentences to denote an indefinite quantity (I've got some new books.) and in the interrogative sentences when we offer something, ask for food/drink/help (Would you like some juice? Can I have some sugar in my tea?), or ask about something that is evident (Are you waiting for somebody?). *Any* (+ derivatives) is used in interrogative and negative sentences. It is used in affirmative sentences in the meaning of "no matter what/which" (You can take any of these seats.).

2. Complete with *some, any, or a/an*.
- 1) There'sbig cosy sofa, two armchairs andcushions on the floor in my room.
- 2) Would you likefruit? Takeorange. And I've also gotgrapes.
- 3) - Can I havelarge mineral water please? –Sure.thing else?
- 4) What are you doing under the bed? Are you looking forthing?
- 5) Would you likething to drink? Juice? Cola? Mineral water?
- 6) There isn'tthing on the table. Look!
- 7) Are thereeggs in the fridge? Is theremilk? I'm going to makecake.
- 8) Could you buytissues for me? Just two or three packets.
- 9) I don't likeof these books. Have you gotthing more interesting?

- 10) -body called you in the morning. -man orwoman?
- 11) You can takeof those pictures. I don't need themlonger.
- 12) Itimes eat out inGreek tavern or insmall French café.
- 13) I needadvice. Could you help me?
- 14) I don't needhelp with this work. I can cope myself.
- 15) Could you lend memoney?
- 16) Saything! It's so dark and scary here. I can hardly seething.
- 17) – Would you like black tea or green tea? -will do.
- 18) Sorry, I didn't hear. Did you saything?
- 19) Let's gowhere peace and quiet. I'm tired of touristy places.
- 20) I see hardlybody these days. I want to be alone.
- 21) Look at these photos. Do you recogniseof these people?
- 22) I'm full. I can't eatmore. Oh well, I'll havestrawberries.
- 23)of my friends are happily married.
- 24) Do you needmore time to finish the translation? OK, take your time.
- 25) There aren't T-shirts in the chest of drawers. Can they bewhere else?

Rule III: A lot of and plenty of (in the meaning of a big quantity/amount) are used with both countable and uncountable nouns, mainly in affirmative sentences. A lot is also a noun and an adverb.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb *be*.

- 1) There.....plenty of fish in Lake Baikal.
- 2) Therea lot of useful advice in this book.
- 3) There.....a lot of news in today's papers.
- 4) Thereplenty of recruiting agencies today, they help people find jobs.
- 5) There.....plenty of furniture in our hotel room.
- 6) Thereusually a lot of fresh fruit in outdoor markets.
- 7) Thereplenty of money in any bank.
- 8) Therea lot of vegetables in the fridge. Don't buy any.
- 9) Therea lot of designer clothes in my wardrobe.
- 10) There.....a lot of work to do this week.

4. Complete the sentences with *a lot of* and *a lot*.

- 1) Unfortunately, I can't join you for a garden party. I'm workingat the moment.
- 2) Mike is my best friend. We've gotin common.
- 3) – Have you got any free time at the weekend? -
- 4) I've learntnew facts about Nicolas Copernicus' biography from this book.
- 5) I've learntsince I started this course in biology.
- 6) I'd like to buynew things in Paris.
- 7) Don't interrupt me! I've gotmore to say.
- 8) My colleagues are helping mewith this new project.
- 9) There wasfruit on the table but she took only one orange.
- 10) We've boughtfor our picnic, but we need to buymore, I'm afraid.

Rule IV: Little is used with uncountable and few – with countable nouns in the meaning of small amount/quantity. A little and a few show that this small amount is sufficient. After just, only, quite, we always use a little/a few in both meanings. Little/a little are also a noun and an adverb.

5. Complete with *(a) little* and *(a) few*.

- 1) I've gotfree time. I'd like to have more.
- 2) We've gotmilk. Don't buy any more.
- 3) There's onlybread at home. Could you buy some on the way home?

- 4) There're justshops where I live.
- 5) I know her very She came to our company justweeks ago.
- 6) –Have you got many English books at home? – Quite
- 7) –Do you speak English? - I speak English and I also speak veryGerman.
- 8)-Would you like some wine? – Justbit.
- 9).....are those who take care of the environment.
- 10)is known about Shakespeare's life In Stratford before and after his marriage.
- 11) “.....knowledge is a dangerous thing.” A. Pope
- 12) He isshy, but a very interesting personality.
- 13) I'd like to buy a new car, but I've gotmoney.
- 14) Could I borrowEnglish books from you?
- 15) Could I ask youquestions?
- 16) - Enroll on the course with me! Inmonths we'll be speaking English. – Really?
- 17) Tell memore about your previous job.
- 18) –Have you typed all the letters? – Just
- 19) There'regirls in our department, you know, boys usually choose the department of mathematics and physics.
- 20) I've gotclose people. I can't imagine having more.
- 21) “.....are my years, and yet I feel the world was ne'er designed for me.” G.G. Byron
- 22) Give me a cup of tea, please, andhoney.
- 23) –Are there any biscuits in that bowl? – Just
- 24) There arechocolates left. Let's buy a new box.
- 25) – Are you hungry? – Well, I'd like to have some snack.

Revision

1. Insert: *how much* or *how many*.
 - 1).....onions do we need for this soup?
 - 2).....fruit do we need in a day?
 - 3).....money did you spend in the shops yesterday?
 - 4).....times a week do you eat meat?
 - 5).....mineral water should I buy?
 - 6).....flowers should there be in a bunch?
 - 7).....furniture do we need for our new flat?
 - 8).....chairs are there in this room?
 - 9) – Could you give me some cash? -do you need?
 - 10) – I need some strawberries for this pie. - ?
2. Insert: *some, any, a/an, or – (nothing)*.
 - 1) - Would you like.....apple? –No, thank you. I don't likeapples.
 - 2) Are theredesigner clothes in your wardrobe?
 - 3) Is thereevening dress in your wardrobe?
 - 4) - How abouttea? Do you prefer black or green? – I don't drinktea. You know!
 - 5) I needhelp. Will you give me.....hand with this report?
 - 6) I eat hardlymilk products. My organism doesn't digestmilk.
 - 7) - Would you likejuice? Orange, pine-apple, mango? -will do (любой подойдет).
 - 8) – There isn'twine at home. – Ok, I'll buy
 - 9) You can takeof these books. I don't need themmore.
 - 10) Takegrapes with your cheese. It's delicious!

Rule V

As we sometimes need to specify the amount of uncountable (sometimes the number of countable) objects, we use lexical substitutes (partitives), apart from *some*. Study the examples below.

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| a loaf | | bread |
| a carton | | milk; juice; sour cream; yoghurt |
| a packet | | crisps; nuts; biscuits; cigarettes |
| a can | | coke; beer; baked beans; olives |
| a tin | | sardines; cat's food |
| a jar | | instant coffee; honey; olives; marmalade; jam |
| a box | | chocolates; matches; tissues |
| a bar | | chocolate; soap |
| a tub | of | ice-cream; pop-corn; processed cheese |
| a tube | | mustard; tooth paste |
| a bottle | | mineral water; beer; wine; olive oil; shampoo; perfume |
| a head | | cabbage |
| a bunch | | grapes; bananas; flowers |
| a small bunch | | dill; parsley; keys |
| a slice | | toast; lemon; bread |
| a piece | | cake; meat; advice; furniture |
| an item | | clothing; agenda |
| a pinch | | salt; soda |
| a kilo/pound | | tomatoes; potatoes; meat |
| a dozen | | eggs; tomatoes |
| a clove | | garlic |
| a teaspoonful | | sugar; honey |
| a tablespoonful | | flour; sunflower oil |
| a lump | | sugar |
| a cube | | ice |
| a roll | | toilet paper |
| a bowl | | soup; salad; fruit; cereal |

1. Complete the gaps with the words given below. You'll need to use some of them more than once. There are 3 of them that you don't need.

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| can | tin | packet | pound | dozen | pinch | bottle | jar | piece |
| glass | any | some | slice | carton | clove | tub | loaf | bar |
| cup | bowl | item | a/an | tube | small bunch | | | |

- 1) Listen, I'm in the chemist, you asked me to buy aof aspirin. 24 or 48?
- 2) -I have heart burns (изжога). – Have aof cold water with aof soda.
- 3) For this salad you needtomatoes, cucumbers, reddish, a.....of dill, aof garlic, aof salt and 2 table spoons of sour cream.
- 4) I usually have aof soup, aof meat with salad and aof tea for lunch.
- 5) –How much orange juice have we got? – Two
- 6) For breakfast I normally have a.....of cereal and aof yogurt, oregg with aof toast.
- 7) From a vending machine you can buy aof cola or Pepsi, aof chocolate, aof nuts or crisps, sometimes aof cigarettes.
- 8) Could you buyfood for the barbecue? 3of sardines and 3of baked beans, aof olives, 4of pork, aof olive oil, aeggs, 2of ice-creamfresh vegetables andfresh fruit and 3of bread.
- 9) –Anything to drink? – Yes,mineral water, please, with aof lemon.

Revision on Indefinite Pronouns (Elementary +)

1. Use: *much; many; (a) little; (a) few; a lot (of)*. Choose the proper form of 'be' of necessary.

- 1) -Do you mind answeringquestions? – Sorry, I havetime.
- 2) There (be)playgrounds in our district. It's hard to find a safe place for kids to play.
- 3) There (be) onlypotatoes left. Can you buy some? And there (be) alsooil.
- 4) The doctor said I must eat.....fruit. How.....fruit (be) there? What's there in the fridge? Hardly anything! Only.....apples andgrapes, and veryjuice.
- 5) –Are you reading the newspaper? (be) therenews? – There (be) actually.....news. But there (be)funny advertisements.
- 6) I speak English fluently, and I also speak German, but I know veryFrench.
- 7) –How.....times have you seen this film? – Quite So what?
- 8) Kevin and I get on really well. We've gotin common and understand each other.
- 9) -I'm really tired. I'm workingat the moment. –Then you need to chill out
-I don't think that'll do. I need to spendtime doing nothing.
- 10) “There (be).....policemen. There (be)poets.” (B. Viand) That's a pity!
- 11) –Have you gotcoins on you? – Not Why? – I needcoins, maybe 6 or 8, to give to the kids. They're playing 'shop'.
- 12) –If you want this meat to be soft, addicing sugar. – Icing sugar? Really? – Yes,dishes require quite 'unusual' additives, for example,cherry syrup makes duck or chicken juicy;mustard mixed with honey will make pork soft; anddrops of pomegranate juice will make cabbage crispy. – You seem a very sophisticated cook. Can you sharerecipes with me?
- 13) –Howtea bags do we need for a journey? I don't feel like taking alongchocolates. But we could takejam andbiscuits.
- 14) Unfortunately, onlystudents have passed the test. The rest will have to reset in autumn.
- 15) –Howfish have you caught so far? -, unfortunately.

2. Use: *some, any; no (+ to their derivatives); none; a; or -*.

- 1) Hey! Isbody there?answer. Shall we break into?
- 2) -Would you like.....grapes? Maybepear orpeach? –No,
-You're being rude. You should say 'thank you'way.
- 3) –Have we gotchocolates? – There are.....in that box. -, there aren't –Ok, look in the cupboard. – There'shere. – Look better, there must bething!
- 4) –Are you looking forthing? –Yes. Where's my mobile phone? It must be.....where in this room.
- 5) I wouldn't advise you to follow this path. It leadswhere.
- 6) - How many tablets are there in the packet? - Can you buy mesleeping pills?
- 7) There can't be such thing asgood advice. All advice is useless.
- 8) –Which of these shampoos can I use? - –But this one is for greasy hair. This one is for dry hair. And this is for dandruff. Have you gotthing for.....healthy hair?
- 9) –Are you ready to order? – Yes, I'd liketuna salad, please. And can I havemint cream soup withcroutons. What else? And can I also haveolives?
- 10) –Where is Michael? – Who knows? He can bewhere. The only place you'll never find him in ishis home. Why do you want to see him?thing urgent? – Actually, yes, I've gotbad piece of.....news for him.
- 11) –Didbody come into my room while I was at work? I'm sure thatone did.
-Hasthing been stolen? – No,, justthings are not in the right places.
- 12) -“.....appleday keeps the doctor away.” Eatof this fruit. You eat hardlyvitamins. - No, thank you, I don't want
- 13)thing has happened. There'sthing in the air.