



## Much / Many / A lot of:

# A Lot Of, Much and Many: Choosing the Right Quantifier

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. She has \_\_\_ books on her shelf.  
a) a lot of  
b) much  
c) many  
d) a lot
2. We don't have \_\_\_ time before the meeting starts.  
a) a lot of  
b) many  
c) a lot  
d) much
3. He earns \_\_\_ money as a software engineer.  
a) much  
b) a lot of  
c) many  
d) a lot
4. Are there \_\_\_ good restaurants in your town?  
a) many  
b) much  
c) a lot of  
d) a lot
5. I like your new house \_\_\_!  
a) much  
b) many  
c) a lot of  
d) a lot
6. There are \_\_\_ things I want to tell you.  
a) much  
b) a lot  
c) a lot of  
d) many
7. Does she have \_\_\_ experience in teaching?  
a) many  
b) much  
c) a lot  
d) a lot of
8. We spent \_\_\_ money on our holiday.  
a) much  
b) many  
c) a lot  
d) a lot of
9. He doesn't have \_\_\_ friends at school.  
a) many  
b) a lot of  
c) much  
d) a lot
10. My grandmother travels \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) much  
b) a lot  
c) many  
d) a lot of

11. They have \_\_\_ pets at home — three dogs and two cats.  
a) much  
b) a lot  
c) a lot of  
d) many
12. Did you get \_\_\_ sleep last night?  
a) much  
b) many  
c) a lot  
d) a lot of
13. There is \_\_\_ traffic on this road during rush hour.  
a) many  
b) much  
c) a lot  
d) a lot of
14. I don't watch TV \_\_\_\_.  
a) many  
b) a lot of  
c) much  
d) very
15. She bought \_\_\_ new clothes for the summer.  
a) much  
b) a lot of  
c) a lot  
d) many
16. Were there \_\_\_ problems with the software?  
a) much  
b) a lot  
c) many  
d) a lot of
17. The children ate \_\_\_ ice cream at the party.  
a) a lot of  
b) many  
c) much  
d) a lot
18. I read \_\_\_\_\_. Books are my favourite hobby.  
a) much  
b) many  
c) a lot of  
d) a lot
19. We didn't take \_\_\_ photos because it was raining.  
a) much  
b) many  
c) a lot  
d) a lot of
20. There was \_\_\_ food at the wedding reception.  
a) many  
b) a lot  
c) a lot of  
d) much



## Answers

1. a) a lot of
2. d) much
3. b) a lot of
4. a) many
5. d) a lot
6. c) a lot of
7. b) much
8. d) a lot of
9. a) many
10. b) a lot
11. c) a lot of
12. a) much
13. d) a lot of
14. c) much
15. b) a lot of
16. c) many
17. a) a lot of
18. d) a lot
19. b) many
20. c) a lot of



# Explanations

## 1. “a lot of” (a)

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is the most natural choice before both countable and uncountable nouns. 'Many' is possible but sounds more formal.

## 2. “much” (d)

In negative sentences, 'much' is the natural choice before uncountable nouns. 'A lot of' is also correct but 'much' is preferred in negatives.

## 3. “a lot of” (b)

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is preferred before uncountable nouns. 'Much' would sound too formal in everyday speech.

## 4. “many” (a)

In questions, 'many' is natural before countable plural nouns. 'A lot of' is also correct but 'many' is more typical in questions.

## 5. “a lot” (d)

'A lot' (without 'of') is used as an adverb meaning 'very much'. It comes after the verb. We don't say 'I like it a lot of'.

## 6. “a lot of” (c)

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is the most natural quantifier. 'Many' is possible but more formal. 'Things' is countable.

## 7. “much” (b)

In questions, 'much' is the natural choice before uncountable nouns. 'Experience' is uncountable.

## 8. “a lot of” (d)

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is preferred. 'Much' before uncountable nouns sounds too formal in positive statements.

## 9. “many” (a)

In negative sentences, 'many' is the natural choice before countable plural nouns. 'Friends' is countable.

## 10. “a lot” (b)

'A lot' (without 'of') works as an adverb after the verb 'travels'. It means 'frequently' or 'very much'.

## 11. “a lot of” (c)

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is natural. 'Pets' is countable. The sentence context (three dogs and two cats) confirms a large quantity.

## 12. “much” (a)

In questions, 'much' is the natural choice before uncountable nouns. 'Sleep' is uncountable.

## 13. “a lot of” (d)

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is preferred. 'Traffic' is uncountable. Using 'much' here would sound overly formal.

## 14. “much” (c)

'Much' is used as an adverb in negative sentences. 'I don't watch TV much' means 'not often' or 'not frequently'.

**15. “a lot of” (b)**

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is the most natural choice. 'Clothes' is a plural countable noun.

**16. “many” (c)**

In questions, 'many' is natural before countable plural nouns. 'Problems' is countable.

**17. “a lot of” (a)**

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is preferred. 'Ice cream' is uncountable.

**18. “a lot” (d)**

'A lot' (without 'of') is used as an adverb after the verb 'read' in an affirmative sentence. It means 'very much' or 'often'.

**19. “many” (b)**

In negative sentences, 'many' is natural before countable plural nouns. 'Photos' is countable.

**20. “a lot of” (c)**

In affirmative sentences, 'a lot of' is the most natural choice. 'Food' is uncountable. 'Much' would sound formal here.