

A lot of / Much / Many



Has she got **many** friends?
Yes, she's got **a lot of** friends.



Is there **much** ham on the plate? No, there isn't **much**. There are only three slices.



Are there **many** people in the swimming pool?
No, there aren't **many**. There are only two.

A lot of / Lots of (mucho (s), mucha(s), un montón de)

- We use **a lot of/lots of** with **plural countable nouns** (e.g. books, cars, etc.) and **uncountable nouns** (e.g. sugar, milk, etc.) in all types of sentences.

*She's got **a lot of/lots of** books.*

*There's **a lot of** milk in the fridge.*

- Note: We omit **of** when **a lot** is not followed by a noun.

*Are there many people in the room? Yes, there are **a lot**.*

Much (mucho / mucha)

- We use **much** with **uncountable nouns**, normally, in questions and negations.

Questions:

*Do you drink **much** coffee?*

*How **much** money have you got?*

Negations:

*There isn't **much** sugar in the bowl.*

*I don't drink **much** coffee*

- So you don't normally use **much** in affirmative sentences (you use "a lot of")

*I drink **a lot of** coffee*

Many (muchos / muchas)

- We normally use **many** with **plural countable nouns** in all types of sentences.

*Are there **many** books on the shelf?*

*There aren't **many** books on the shelf.*

*We've got **many** friends*

How Much (Cuánto / Cuánta) How Many (Cuántos / Cuántas)

- In questions we use **how much** to ask about the amount of something and therefore, **with uncountable nouns**

How much + uncountable noun

How much sugar do we need? A kilo.

- We use **how many** to ask about the number of things and so, **with plural countable nouns**

How many + plural countable noun

How many boys are there in your class? Twenty.

Very, Much & Many

- It is important that you distinguish between VERY, MANY and MUCH

	You use it with...	Spanish	Example
VERY	Adjectives	Muy	She's a very nice person
MUCH	Uncountable nouns	Mucho/a	I haven't got much time
MANY	Countable Nouns	Muchos/as	Do you have many CD's?