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QUANTIFIERS

1. Meaning Of Quantifiers

Quantifier is a word that usually goes before a noun to express the quantity of the object. Most quantifiers are followed by a noun, though it is also possible to use them without the noun when it is clear what we are referring to.

For example:

I have a lot of money. (A lot of is quantifier)

Do you want some milk? – Just a little. (It's clear that I mean 'a little milk'.)

There are quantifiers to describe large quantities such as *a lot, much, many*
And small quantities such as *a little, a bit, a few*

There are some quantifiers that have a similar meaning but differ because one is used with countable nouns and the other is used with uncountable nouns.

Countable nouns are things that we can count; for example, *a table, two chairs*. While **uncountable nouns** are things that we cannot count and only have a singular form; for example, *some furniture, some fruit*.

Let's start study about quantifiers that express large quantities.

Much, Many, A lot (of)

We use *many, much, a lot (of)* to refer to big quantities (banyak).

We use 'many' with countable nouns and 'much' with uncountable nouns, and we can use 'a lot (of)' with both countable and uncountable nouns.

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| MANY + COUNTABLES | MUCH + UNCOUNTABLES |
| <i>many pens</i> | <i>much money</i> |
| A LOT OF + COUNTABLES | A LOT OF + UNCOUNTABLES |
| <i>a lot of pens</i> | <i>a lot of money</i> |

For example:

- We have a lot of time left, don't worry.
- Many people take the train to work.
- Rudy has much water to shared
- How many students at Class B?
- How much sugar you want?



A Few, A Little,

To talk about small quantities we can use 'a few' and 'a little'. We use 'a few' with countable nouns and 'a little' with uncountable nouns.

| A FEW + COUNTABLES | A LITTLE + UNCOUNTABLES |
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| <i>A few students</i> | <i>A little water</i> <i>A bit of salt</i> |

Here are some examples:

- We need **a few coins** for the car park.
- Would you like **a little milk** in your coffee?
- They ate **a few biscuits** with their tea.
- The engine needs **a little oil**.

When we want to refer to a small quantity with a negative sense, we use 'few' and 'little' without 'a'. For example:

- **Few trains** arrive on time. (A small number of trains arrive on train which is a bad thing.)
- **Little attention** is given to the problem of parking. (A small amount of attention is given to this problem and it's not good.)

2. Practice 1

Complete the sentences bellow with many or much!

1. Her family owns many cats.
2. Students doesn't have much free time these days.
3. Their kids don't get many toys at Christmas.
4. How much money do you want to borrow?
5. How many people like action movies.

Complete the sentences bellow with a few or a little!

1. I only have a little money so I can't join the trip.
2. The band is not so popular, they only have a few fans.
3. Rendang is a little spicy for American people.
4. There is a little milk left in the fridge.
5. My brother always stays home so he has a few friends.

3. Summary

In this Chapter we learn about

| Quantifiers | Nouns |
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| Much | Countable nouns |
| Many | Uncountable noun |
| A lot of | Countable and Uncountable noun |
| A few | Countable noun |
| A Little | Uncountable noun |

Good Luck!!!

