

# EXPRESSING QUANTITY



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## Μετρήσιμα

a) Ουσιαστικά που μπορούν να μετρηθούν. Έχουν και Ενικό & Πληθυντικό αριθμό:

- a/one **book** two **books**
- a/one **man** two **men**

b) This banana is delicious.  
These bananas are delicious.

## Μη Μετρήσιμα

a) Ουσιαστικά που δεν μπορούν να μετρηθούν. Δεν έχουν πληθυντικό:

- **milk** • **weather** • **money**

b) Μόνο με ρήμα ενικού:  
The weather was very hot.

Milk is good for you.

c) Δεν παίρνουν **a/an/one**...



## PRACTICE

Βάλτε **a/an** μπροστά από τα μετρήσιμα. Βάλτε **(x)** μπροστά από τα Μη Μετρήσιμα.

- a) \_\_\_ water    b) \_\_\_ egg    c) \_\_\_ cheese  
d) \_\_\_ meat    e) \_\_\_ banana    f) \_\_\_ hamburger  
g) \_\_\_ meal    h) \_\_\_ fish    i) \_\_\_ tea  
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**LARGE AMOUNT**

a lot of (lots of) / plenty of

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**SMALL AMOUNT**

some / \*(a) little / not much  
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**NO AMOUNT**

not any, no



## SOME

- στην **κατάφαση**:  
There are **some** eggs.
- όταν **προσφέρω** και όταν **ζητάω**:  
Would you like **some** tea?  
Can I have **some** water?



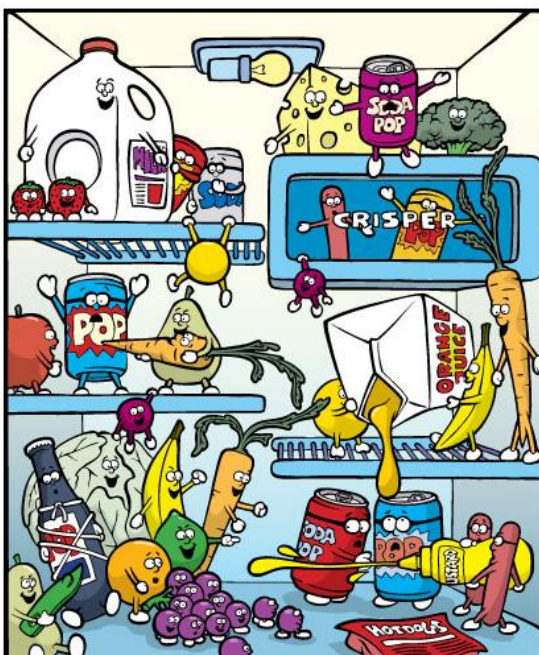
## ANY

- στην **ΑΡΝΗΣΗ**:  
I haven't got **any** money to go to the restaurant.
- στην **ΕΡΩΤΗΣΗ**:  
Have you got **any** milk?  
(the answer can be 'yes' or 'no')



## MUCH / MANY / A LOT OF

- **MUCH/MANY** στην **ΑΡΝΗΣΗ**:  
We didn't buy **many** potatoes / I don't have **much** oil.
- ή στην **ΕΡΩΤΗΣΗ**:  
How **much** milk/how **many** eggs do you have?
- **A LOT OF (LOTS OF)** στην **ΚΑΤΑΦΑΣΗ**:  
We have got **a lot of** eggs.  
(NOT: *We have got many eggs*)



## PRACTICE

Κοίτα την εικόνα & συμπλήρωσε με **QUANTIFIERS**

1. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ butter left? – No, there's \_\_\_\_\_ butter
2. How \_\_\_\_\_ lemons are there? I think two.
3. There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries. Do you want me to buy \_\_\_\_\_ more?
4. Oh no! There's isn't \_\_\_\_\_ juice. Just one carton.
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a) They are the names of separate objects, people ... which we can count. They have both singular and plural forms:

- *a/one book two books*
- *a/one man two men*

b) They take singular or plural verb forms:

*This banana **is** delicious.*  
*These bananas **are** delicious.*

## UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

a) They are the names of things we do not see as separate and which we cannot count. They have no plurals:

- *milk*
- *weather*
- *money*

b) They take only singular verbs:

*The weather **was** very hot.*  
*Milk **is** good for you.*

c) Not used with *a/an/one...*

## PRACTICE

Insert **a/an** before each countable noun. Put an **(x)** before an uncountable noun.

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### SOME

- for **AFFIRMATIVES**:  
*There are some eggs.*
- for **OFFERS** and **REQUESTS**:  
*Would you like some tea?*
- for **QUESTIONS** where the answer 'yes' is expected:  
*Did you buy some eggs?*



### ANY

- for **NEGATIVES**:  
*I haven't got any money to go to the restaurant.*
- or in **OPEN QUESTIONS**:  
*Have you got any milk?*  
(the answer can be 'yes' or 'no')



### MUCH / MANY / A LOT OF

- **MUCH/MANY** are used in **NEGATIVES**:  
*We didn't buy many potatoes / I don't have much oil.*
- or in **INTERROGATIVES**:  
*How much milk/how many eggs do you have?*
- **A LOT OF (LOTS OF)** is used in **AFFIRMATIVES**:  
*We have got a lot of eggs.*  
(NOT: *We have got many eggs*)



## PRACTICE

Look at the picture and complete the sentences with a suitable **QUANTIFIER**.



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## KEY

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| a) x water    | b) an egg   | c) x cheese    |
| d) x meat     | e) a banana | f) a hamburger |
| g) a meal     | h) x fish   | i) x tea       |
| j) a cup      | k) x sugar  | l) an apple    |
| m) x rice     | n) x bread  | o) an orange   |
| p) a sandwich | q) a cookie | r) a sausage   |

1. Is there **ANY** butter left? – No, there's **NO** butter.
2. How **MANY** lemons are there? I think two.
3. There aren't **MANY** strawberries. Do you want me to buy **SOME** more?
4. Oh no! There's isn't **MUCH** juice. Just one carton.
5. There are **LOTS OF** soda cans but only **A** bottle of beer.
6. There are only a **FEW** sausages, right? – No, there are plenty.
7. We need **SOME** more pears. There aren't **MANY** left.
8. There aren't **ANY** eggs in the fridge.
9. There is **LOTS OF** fruit in the fridge but only **FEW/SOME** vegetables.
10. How **MUCH** cheese is there? There is only **LITTLE/SOME** cheese left.