

# Q U A N T I T Y

To talk about quantity we use words such as:

**some, any, a lot of, much, many, (a) little, (a) few, too, enough ...**

## S O M E & A N Y

- We use **some** and **any** before plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns to talk about an indefinite quantity:

*some books    any books*  
*some money    any money*

- AFFIRMATIVE SENTENCES: we normally use **some**:

*I bought some books yesterday.*

But we sometimes use **any** when it means "cualquiera":

*You can come to see me any day next week*  
*Take any book.*

- NEGATIVE SENTENCES: we normally use **any**:

*I don't have any money*

We can use **no**, instead of **not ... any**.

*I haven't got any money = I have no money.*

- INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES: we normally use **any**:

*Do you have any money?*

We also use **some** in questions when we want to encourage people to say "yes", for example in requests and offers.

*Can you give me some information?    /    Would you like some coffee?*

# A LOT OF, MUCH, MANY, (A) LITTLE & (A) FEW

- We use **a lot of (lots of)** with uncountable and plural countable nouns in affirmative sentences

*There is **a lot of** information in this book.*

*There are **a lot of** students in this classroom.*

But in written English we sometimes use **much** and **many** in affirmative sentences:

*There are many problems in Spain now.*

*Take as much as water you want.*

- We use **much** and **many** mostly in negative and interrogative sentences.

**Much** is used with uncountable nouns and **many** with countable nouns.

*We haven't got much water*

*We haven't got many books*

*Is there much snow in the mountains?*

*Does he have many books?*

- We use **a little** with uncountable nouns and **a few** with countable nouns to talk about a small amount or number:

*I have **a little** money, but not much.*

*Can you wait **a few** minutes, please?*

# TOO & ENOUGH

**Too** means "more than is good or suitable"

**Enough** means "as much or as many as we need".

We use **too** like this:

**Too** + adjective :

*I don't want to go out. I'm **too** tired.*

**Too much** + uncountable noun:

*Our teacher gives us **too much** homework.*

**Too many** + plural noun:

*There are **too many** people here.*

We use **enough** like this:

Adjective + **enough** :

*I'm not tall **enough** to play basketball.*

**Enough** + uncountable noun:

*I haven't got **enough** time to talk to you now.*

**Enough** + plural noun:

*We have **enough** eggs to make an omelette.*