







How many and How much; Quantity

OUTCOMES

- . Use how many and how much to ask questions about quantities
- . Use a few, not many, a little, and not much to describe quantities
- Answer questions about a reading
- · Identify true and false sentences about a news report
- Ask and answer questions about traveling and everyday activities
- · Write a conversation about a place you visited

STEP 1

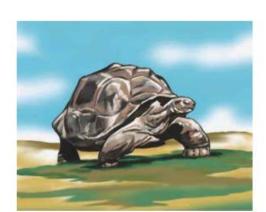
GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

BEFORE YOU READ

VOCABULARY Study the words. Then complete the sentences with the words.



an island



an animal



a plant



a flight

- 1. We can take a(n) ______ to Ecuador.
- 2. A place with water all around is a(n) ______.
- 3. A(n) _____ has leaves and needs water and sun to grow.
- **4.** A dog is a(n) ______.
- Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A. Then name an island, a plant, and an animal. Take turns.
- EXAMPLE: A: Hong Kong is an island.
 - B: Madagascar is an island, too.

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Read this conversation.

A Great Trip

STEVE: So how was Ecuador?

JESSICA: Great.

STEVE: How many days were you away?

JESSICA: Ten. We were in Guayaquil, and we were on

the Galápagos Islands, too.

MARK: The Galápagos Islands? That sounds exciting.

How much time did you spend there?

TIM: Not much. Only four days. But it was

fantastic. We took hundreds of photos of the plants and animals. We slept and ate on

a boat.

MARK: Really? How many people were on the boat?

JESSICA: Twelve.

STEVE: How much did the trip cost?

JESSICA: Just a little. Tim won it. We only paid for

our food.

MARK: Was the flight free, too?

JESSICA: Yes, it was.

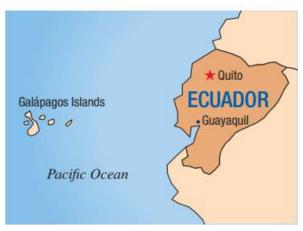
MARK: Lucky you! I love to travel.

TIM: I agree. Nothing beats travel.

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1 Nothing beats travel: travel is a lot of fun







AFTER YOU READ

⚠ COMPREHENSION Look at the conversation again. Answer the questions. Use the words from the box.

F	little	Hundreds	Two	Ten	Twelve	
1.	How 1	many photos	did Stev	e and Je	essica take	
2.	How 1	many days di	d Steve a	and Jess	ica spend i	
3.	. How much money did Steve and Jessica spend?					
4.	. How many people were on the boat?					
5.	How 1	many places	did Steve	and Jes	ssica visit?	

B Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.

Go to MyEnglishLab for more grammar in context practice.

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STEP 2 GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

HOW MANY AND HOW MUCH; QUANTITY EXPRESSIONS

How many -	Quantity Expre		
How many	photos	did you take?	A lot. Not many. A few. Sixty.

How much	Quantity E		
How much	time	did you spend there?	A lot. Not much. A little.

GRAMMAR NOTES

1 How many and How much

listener knows we're asking about the cost.

Use how many or how much to ask about the quantity of something.

PLURAL COUNT NOUN

Use how many before a plural count noun.

A: How many days were you there?

B: Fifteen.

B: Not much.

Use how much before a non-count noun.

NON-COUNT NOUN

A: How much rain do they usually get in May?

USAGE NOTE Use how much to ask about the cost of something. When we talk about cost, we often use how much without a noun. The reader or

A: How much was your flight?

B: Three hundred dollars.

2 A lot of

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To answer questions with how many or how much, use a lot or a lot of for large quantities or amounts.

Use a lot of before plural count nouns and non-count nouns.

A: How many people live in Quito?

B: A lot. or A lot of people live in Quito.

BE CAREFUL! Use a lot without of for short answers.

A: How much time did you spend on the boat?

B: A lot.

NOT A lot of.

3 A few, Not many, A little, Not much

To answer questions with how many or how much, use a few, not many, a little, and a few for small amounts.

Use *a few* or *not many* before plural count nouns.

You can also use *a few* and *not many* as short answers without a noun.

Use a little or not much before non-count nouns.

You can also use *a little* and *not much* as short answers without a noun.

- A: How many people were on the boat?
- B: A few people were on the boat. or A few.
- A: How many days did you go swimming?
- B: Not many. (We didn't swim many days.)
- A: How much tea did you drink?
- B: I drank a little tea. or A little.
- A: How much time did you spend in Guayaquil?
- B: Not much.

REFERENCE NOTES

For definitions of grammatical terms, see the Glossary on page 375.

For more information on count and non-count nouns, see Unit 21 on page 237.

Go to MyEnglishLab to watch the grammar presentation.

STEP 3 FOCUSED PRACTICE

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EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

- 1. A: How many flights go to the Galápagos Islands from Guayaquil?
 - B: A few each day.
- 2. A: How many seats are available on Flight 1?
 - B: Not many. You need to make a reservation now.
- **3.** A: How much time does it take to get to the airport?
 - B: Not much. Only about thirty minutes.
- 4. A: How much money does the flight cost?
 - B: About \$550.
- 5. A: How many tourists visit the Galápagos Islands in May?
 - B: A lot. Most tourists go there in April, May, and November.
- 6. A: Is there a lot of rain in July?
 - B: No, there isn't. There's just a little light rain called "garúa."

Elements of the conversations in A again. Write the quantity or quantity expression that answers each question.

1.	A	few				

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3.

6. _____

EXERCISE 2 HOW MANY AND HOW MUCH

GRAMMAR NOTE 1 Read an ad for a trip to Washington, D.C. Match the questions and answers.



- b 1. How many days is the trip?
- ____ 2. How many meals does the trip include?
- ____ 3. How much does the trip cost?
- ____ 4. How many people share a room?
- ____ 5. How much is the bus ride from the airport?
- a. Two.
- -b. Three.
- c. Six.
- d. Nothing.
- e. \$800.