

*Much*", "*many*", and "*a lot of*" indicate a large quantity of something, for example "I have a lot of friends " means I have a large quantity of friends.

*Much*, *many*, and *a lot* are **quantifiers**.

**Study the examples below:**

How <b>much</b> money have you got?	I haven't got <b>much</b> money.
	I have got <b>a lot</b> .
	I have got <b>a lot of</b> money.
How <b>many</b> students are in the classroom?	There aren't <b>many</b> .
	There are <b>a lot</b> .
	There are <b>a lot of/lots of</b> students.

**In the interrogative forms we use:**

- **much** with uncountable nouns. (money, bread, water...)  
Example:  
How **much** money/bread/water...is there?
- **many** with countable nouns. (students, desks, windows...)  
Example:  
How **many** students/teachers/desks... are there?

**In the negative forms we use:**

- **much** with uncountable nouns. (money, bread, water...)  
**Example:**  
I haven't got **much** money/bread/water...
- **many** with countable nouns. (students, desks, windows...)  
**Example:**  
There aren't **many** students/teachers/desks...

**In the affirmative forms:**

In spoken English and informal writing we tend to use:

- **a lot, a lot of, lots of** with countable and uncountable nouns.  
**Example:**  
"How many students are there in the classroom?"  
"There are **a lot**."  
"How many students are there in the classroom?"  
"There are **a lot of / lots of** students"..

In formal written English:

- It is also possible (and preferable) to use **many** and **much** rather than **a lot of, lots of** and **a lot** in *formal* written English.  
**Example:**  
There are **many** students.  
**Much** time was spent on studying.

So if you're speaking or writing to friends (*informal*), use **a lot, a lot of, lots of**. But if you want to be more *formal*, perhaps it is preferable to use **much** and **many**.

1. We have \_\_\_\_\_ oranges.
2. We don't have \_\_\_\_\_ bananas, and we don't have fruit juice.
3. Do you have any cereal? Sure, there's \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen."
4. How \_\_\_\_\_ is this? It's ten dollars.
5. How \_\_\_\_\_ do you want? Six, please.
6. He's very busy; he has \_\_\_\_\_ work.
7. David has rice, but Tyler doesn't have \_\_\_\_\_.
8. London has \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful buildings.
9. They eat \_\_\_\_\_ apples.
10. I wrote \_\_\_\_\_ poems.
11. I have got \_\_\_\_\_ money.
12. I visited \_\_\_\_\_ European cities.
13. Do you like soccer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Were there guests in the wedding? Yes, there were \_\_\_\_\_.