

Quantifiers

The below phrases can be used with countable and uncountable nouns

enough	countable / uncountable	sufficient
some	countable / uncountable	unspecified number - less / fewer than a lot
any	countable / uncountable	used in negatives and questions - quantity
most	countable / uncountable	majority - the big proportion of a whole
lots of / a lot of / loads of	countable / uncountable	a large quantity
many	countable	state a large quantity - questions/negatives are ok
much	uncountable	questions / negatives - quantities - not statements I have much

Quantifier + of = used with you, us, them

- Some of us are doctors and some of us are nurses.
- All of you are studying OET.
- All of us are here today to discuss OET.
- Most of them are criminals.

Quantifier + of the = used with specific things – part of a larger amount

- All of the people in this class are intelligent.
- Some of the students in this class are doctors.
- A few of the dogs in the yard are sick.
- many of the reasons given for staff absence were related to Covid.

Quantifier + noun = used with general

- Some people love cooking. Most of them also enjoy eating.
- Most people have families.
- Lots of shoes are made in China.
- Few children understand algebra.

Exercise 1

Where are the mistakes? Consider countable, uncountable, gerunds, quantifiers, plurals, singular etc

1. I like some of American TV shows.
2. Most of chocolate in Switzerland is delicious.
3. Lots of the families celebrate Christmas together in the UK.
4. She is in the hospital due to a viral infection.
5. I have some of money in my pocket if you need it.
6. Go to school is boring!
7. We haven't got enough of milk to make rice pudding.
8. I am addicted to stay up late.
9. I would love to have a 4-weeks-old baby again. So cute!
10. Most of times I feel ok but at night pain worsens.
11. The sharks are misunderstood animals.
12. The train leaves from the platform 7 at Kings Cross station.

Exercise 2

Complete the gaps below. Choose whether to use a quantifier or article.

California	flower	banana	apple	high blood pressure		
crutches	window	doctor	camera	game	coriander	Atlantic ocean
large meal	coffee	money	friend	towel	table	

1. Put on by, please. They will look really bright in the sunshine.
2. After I play of football I eat
3. Mr Johnson has been given to aid him with his mobility.
4. This food is nice but I think it needs coriander.
5. The police man wanted a bribe but I didn't have
6. Mr Smith has suffered with for 15 years.
7. I'd love to sail across one day.
8. Have you got? My mum has run out.
9. I am bit lonely. I would like
10. Can you pass me please? will do.
11. day keeps away.
12. I take everywhere with me. I love taking pictures.
13. Is a nice place? I have heard the beaches are good.
14. We don't have for the recipe. We need 6. I only have 3.

Exercise 3

Try and make some noun phrases to summarise the below sentences:

1. When you go to school, you learn a lot of things, which is beneficial.
2. If you don't keep wounds clean, infections can arise. This can lead to big problems.
3. Some people text on their mobile phones and drive at the same time. That is very dangerous!
4. I don't like lots of things. Sometimes people talk on their mobile phones on the bus in a very loud voice. So annoying!
5. It can take a long time to recover from hip replacement but it will help if you use a walking frame to build up your strength.

Answers

Exercise 1

1. I like some American TV shows.
2. Most chocolate is delicious. / Most of the chocolates are delicious.
3. Lots of **families** celebrate Christmas together in **the** UK.
4. She is in hospital due to a viral infection.
5. I have got **some** money in my pocket if you need it.
6. **Going to school** is boring!
7. We haven't got enough milk to make rice pudding.
8. I am addicted to staying up late.
9. I would love to have a 4-week-old baby again. So cute!
10. Most of the time I feel ok but **at night the pain** worsens.
11. **Sharks** are misunderstood animals.
12. The train leaves from platform 7 at Kings Cross station.

Exercise 2

1. Put **the flowers** on **the table** by **the window**, please. They will look really bright in the sunshine.
2. Can you pass me **a towel** please? **Any** will do.
3. After I play **a game** of football I eat **a large meal**.
4. Mr Johnson has been given **(some) crutches** to aid him with his mobility.
5. This food is nice but I think it needs **some coriander**.
6. The police man wanted a bribe but I didn't have **enough money / any money!**
7. Mr Smith has suffered with **high blood pressure** for 15 years.
8. I'd love to sail across **the Atlantic ocean** one day.
9. Have you got some **/any coffee**? My mum has run out.
10. I am **a bit** lonely. I would like **a friend / some friends**.
11. **An apple** a day keeps **the doctor** away.
12. I take **a camera** everywhere with me. I love taking pictures.
13. Is **California** a nice place? I have heard the beaches are good.
14. We don't have **enough bananas** for the recipe. We need 6. I only have 3.

Exercise 3

1. When you go to school, you learn a lot of things, which is beneficial.

Going to school is beneficial.

2. If you don't keep wounds clean, infections can arise. This can lead to big problems.
 - Infections can arise as a result of not keeping wounds clean.
 - Not keeping wounds clean can lead to big problems.

3. Some people text on their mobile phones and drive at the same time. That is very dangerous!

Texting on mobile phones while driving is very dangerous.

4. I don't like lots of things. Sometimes people talk on their mobile phones on the bus in a very loud voice. So annoying!

I don't like **people talking loudly on their mobile phones on the bus.**

Listening to people talking on their mobile phones loudly is very annoying.

5. It can take a long time to recover from hip replacement but it will help if you use a walking frame to build up your strength.

Using a walking frame to build up your strength will help you to recover from a hip replacement