RULE SHEET

much, many, a lot of



Use **many** with plural nouns: many apples, many friends. Use **much** with uncountable nouns: much milk, much time. In positive sentences, use **a lot of** with both.

Sentences

	countable: apples	uncountable: milk
+ positive	There are **a lot of** apples.	There is **a lot of** milk.
– negative	There aren't **many** apples.	There isn't **much** milk.
? question	**How many** apples are there?	**How much** milk is there?

Countable or uncountable?

countable (a / an, plural)	uncountable (no a / an, no plural)
an apple – apples · an egg – eggs · a book – books	milk · water · juice · tea · bread · butter · cheese · jam · honey · rice · pasta
a friend – friends · a child – **children** · a person – **people**	money · time · homework · music · glue · snow · rain

Examples

- How much **is** the T-shirt? – It's £12. (price)
- I don't have **much** time. · We eat **a lot of** fruit.
- Are there **many** shops in your town? – Yes, there are **a lot of** shops.

> **Watch out homework**, **money** and **bread** are uncountable: much homework (not many homeworks). **people** and **children** are plural: many people, many children. In positive sentences use **a lot of**: I have got a lot of friends.

PRACTICE 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Countable or uncountable?

1 Is the noun countable or uncountable? Tick.

1. milk ○ countable ○ uncountable
2. apple ○ countable ○ uncountable
3. egg ○ countable ○ uncountable
4. homework ○ countable ○ uncountable
5. money ○ countable ○ uncountable
6. child ○ countable ○ uncountable
7. friend ○ countable ○ uncountable
8. music ○ countable ○ uncountable

2 Write much or many.

much many

1. How _____ eggs are there in the box?
2. How _____ juice is there in the jug?
3. How _____ friends have you got?
4. How _____ money is in your bag?
5. How _____ children are in the playground?
6. How _____ homework have you got today?
7. How _____ books are on your desk?
8. How _____ honey is on the table?