

HOW MUCH (Quantity)

How much is used with uncountable nouns.

HOW MUCH + UNCOUNTABLE NOUN

- **How much** time do we have to finish the test?
- **How much** money did you spend?
- **How much** sugar would you like in your coffee?
- **How much** paper will I need?
- **How much** milk is in the fridge?
- **How much** traffic was there on the way to work?

HOW MUCH (Price)

How much can also be used when we want to know the PRICE of something.

In this case, we can use **How much** with countable nouns (both singular and plural nouns).

- **How much** is that painting?
- **How much** are those shoes?
- **How much** did your jacket cost?
- **How much** is the dress on display in the window?
- **How much** will it cost me?
- **How much** does it cost ?

When asking for the quantity of any of these items, make sure to use how much:

- How much luggage did you take with you on vacation?
- How much alcohol did you drink?
- How much pork should I buy?

- How much homework do you have?
- How much knowledge do you have about the subject?
- How much help did he give you last week?
- How much advice would you like?

HOW MANY (Quantity)

How many is used when we want to know the QUANTITY of something.

How Many is used with countable nouns. These nouns are easy to recognize because they generally end in the plural form with s.

HOW MANY + PLURAL NOUN

- How many **days** are there in January?
- How many **people** work in your company?
- How many **cousins** do you have?
- How many **books** did you buy?
- How many **countries** are there in the world?
- How many **students** are in the class right now?
- How many **chairs** are there in this room?
- How many **pieces** of chocolate would you like?
- How many **days** did it take you to finish the project?
- How many **computers** do you have?

Using Containers and Measurements

If you are looking for an exact measurement when speaking about food types and liquids, it's a good idea to use containers or measurements. In this case, you can use *how many* to ask a question:

Containers:

- How many bottles of wine should I buy?
- How many boxes of rice should I get?
- How many jars of jam do you have?

Measurements:

- How many gallons of gas did you use on your trip?
- How many cups of butter do I need for this recipe?
- How many pounds of sand should I mix into the cement?

How Much Examples

- How much water do you want? (liquid)
I would like half a glass of water, please.
- How much is sand is there on this beach? (mass noun)
There is a lot of sand on this beach.
- How much money do you have?
I don't have very much money.
- How much happiness has your dog brought you? (non-physical noun)
My dog has brought me a lifetime of happiness.
- How much does that table cost? (cost)
That table costs \$60.
- How much bread do they want? (foods that are divided, are often considered uncountable)
They want just a little bit of bread.

How Many Examples

- How many cars does he own?
He owns six cars.
- How many cups do you need?
I need five cups.
- How many legs do spiders have?
Spiders have eight legs.
- How many provinces are there in Canada?
There are ten provinces in Canada.