

a

a great deal of

an

a few

a large number of

a lot of

# Quantifiers

a number of

any

no

many

a little

plenty of

much

several of

lots of

none

# Countable and Uncountable Noun

## A Countable Noun

consists of people, places, things, or ideas that can be counted.



apple



book

## Uncountable Noun

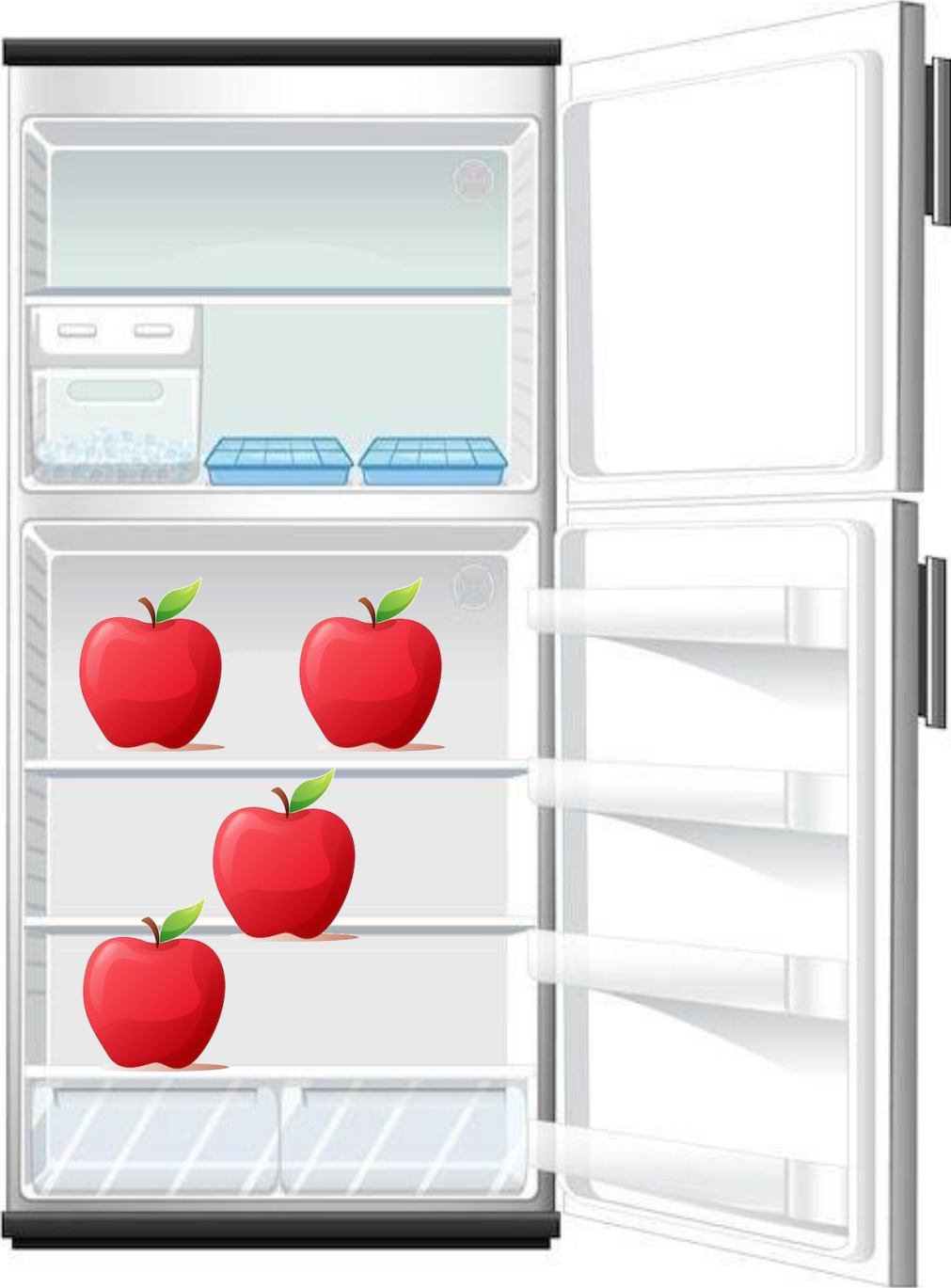
are not individual objects and cannot be counted.



sugar



milk



Each / Every → Singular countable



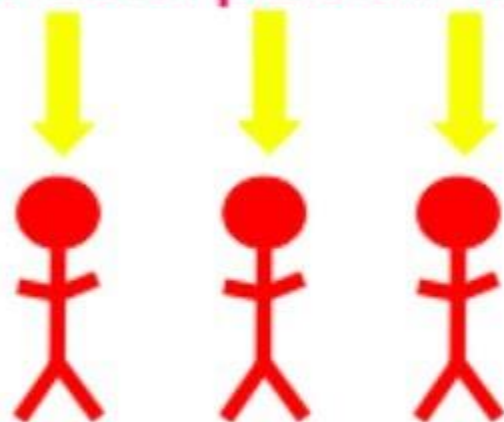
Singular verb

Each apple is red.  
Every apple is red.



# Each

Refers to an individual person or thing.



**For example:**

- **Each** student in the class took turns to read.
- **Each** person received an invite to the dinner party.
- I wore gold earrings on **each** ear.

# Every

Refers to a group of people or things that are considered as one.



**For example:**

- **Every** teacher had to attend the training day.
- **Every** apple in the bowl is ripe.
- **Every** member of the team received a medal.



Either



Singular countable



Singular verb

Either apple or pineapple is delicious.



# USING "EITHER/OR"

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**EITHER** refers to any one of the two things or people. Either is always considered singular in a sentence. **Either/or** is a correlative conjunction.

We use either ... or for connect things which are the same types, phrases, clauses or words.

## EXAMPLES

- **Either** he **or** she cooks dinner.
- Life is a horse, and **either** you ride it **or** it rides you.
- You can **either** come with me now **or** walk home.



EITHER/OR



Both



Singular or plural



Singular or plural verb



# Both ... and

**Both ... and** refers to two things or people together. It is always considered plural in a sentence.

## Examples

- You can be **both** mother **and** business woman.
- **Both** Alice **and** Susan have to comply with the rules.
- I used to like playing **both** football **and** basketball when I was young.







All, Most → Countable, Uncountable

Most / All (the) **eggs** are in the fridge.

Most / All (the) **milk** is in the fridge.



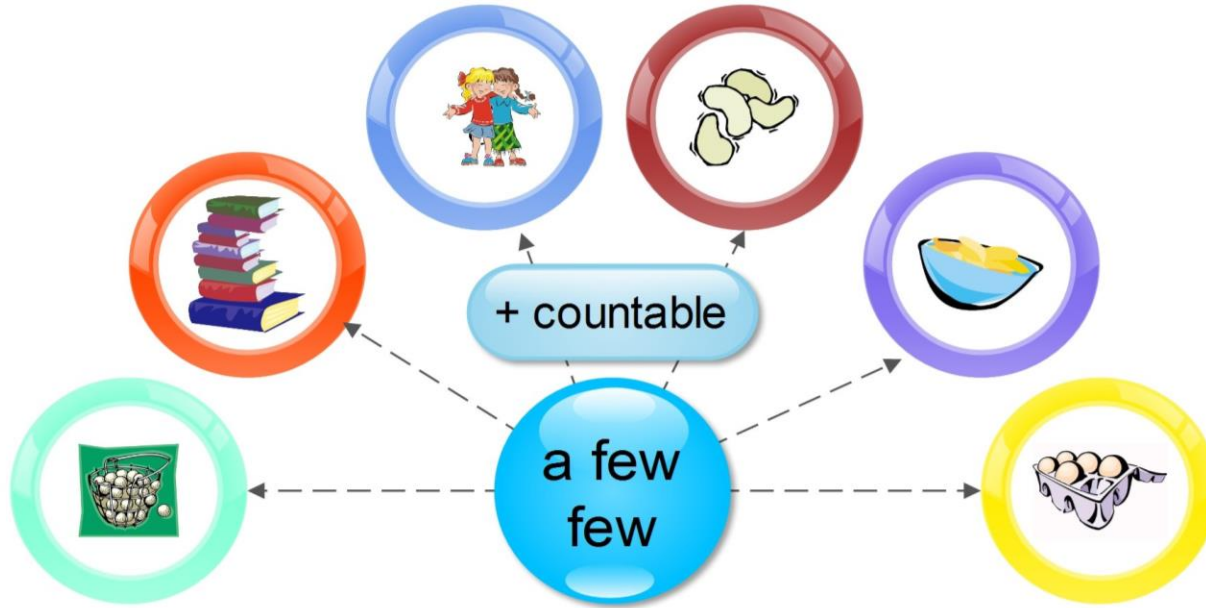


**A FEW**

The speaker is happy because there is some.



**A LITTLE**

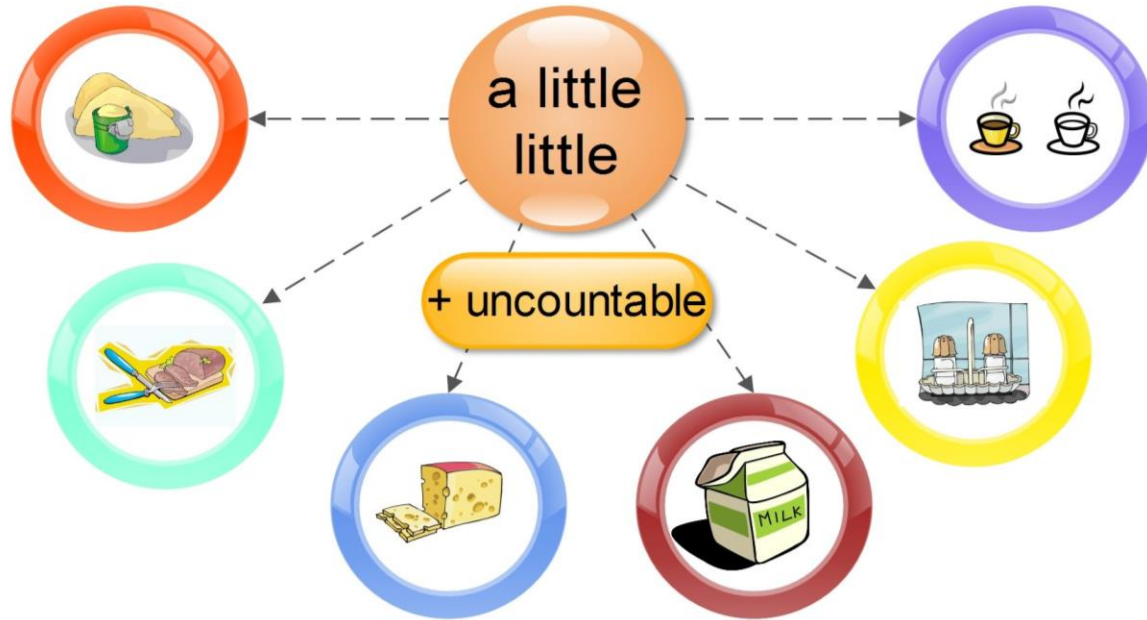


**FEW**

The speaker is not happy because there is not enough.



**LITTLE**





few



a few



many

plural

little



A little



much



uncountable

# SOME

+

Some is generally used in positive ( affirmative) sentences.

- There are some flowers in a vase on the table.
- He needs some medicine.

?

Exception To The Rule: 'Some' can also be used in questions if you are offering something to someone or asking for something by thinking that the answer is yes or hopes for such an answer.

- Would you like some coffee?

Countable, Uncountable

# ANY

-

Any is generally used in negative sentences.

- There aren't any students in the school.
- I don't want to drink any fruit juice.

?

Any is used in questions.

- Do we have any bread in the house?
- He hasn't received any e-mails yet.

+

Exception To The Rule: Any can only be used in positive sentences if it is used with conjunctions such as If and weather.

- We'll always help you if you have any problems or troubles.

# NO

no + noun

- There was no bus today, so I walked.
- Were no stores open today?
- No reason was given for the delay.
- No girl should be denied an education.



# NONE

- I drank all the coffee! There is none left.
- I was looking for love, but I found none.



# The preposition which we use with quantifiers

Of

no



none

every



everyone

**None of**

**singular verb (formal)**

None of my friends was there.

**plural verb (informal)**

None of my friends were there.



## 2 Read the text and check your ideas.

### MR CONNECTED

Chris Dancy loves technology. A few years ago, he noticed that he had very little information about his habits, health and lifestyle, and he wanted to lose some weight. So he bought some gadgets that could collect this information and help him understand himself better. Now he is connected to 700 sensors that record every detail of his life. He monitors what he eats and drinks, how long he sleeps, how much he spends, how far he travels, his mood ... even the activity of his dogs! Few, if any, people collect as much data about themselves as Chris.

Most of his gadgets are attached to him. He wears gadgets on both arms, a heart rate monitor and a device that counts calories. He has a smartwatch too, which he can wear on either wrist. His house and car are also full of gadgets. Every one of them sends data to his computer, and at the end of each day Chris spends a little time analysing it. The smartwatch is the only gadget he wears all the time. He doesn't wear all of his gadgets 24/7, but he has so many systems that automatically track his activity that there aren't any days when there is no monitoring at all. Is there any information about himself that he doesn't have? If there is, it must be impossible to collect!



## LEARN THIS! Quantifiers



<sup>1</sup> <u>each</u> , <sup>2</sup> <u>every</u> , <i>either</i>	+ singular countable noun
<i>most, little, some, much,</i> <sup>3</sup> <u>a little</u> , <sup>4</sup> <u>all</u> , <sup>5</sup> <u>any</u> , <sup>6</sup> <u>no</u>	+ uncountable noun
<i>no, few, all, most,</i> <sup>7</sup> <u>a few</u> , <sup>8</sup> <u>any</u> , <sup>9</sup> <u>both</u> , <sup>10</sup> <u>many</u> , <sup>11</sup> <u>some</u>	+ plural noun

**5** Study the sentences below. What is the difference between *few* and *a few*, *little* and *a little*?

**1 a** I've got few high-tech gadgets. I want more!

**b** I've got a few high-tech gadgets. I love them!

**2 a** Unfortunately, I have little time for computer games.

**b** I have a little time. Let's play a computer game.

6 Complete the sentences with the quantifiers below.

any both few little most none some

- 1 Unfortunately, there are few tablets at school, so we don't often use them.
- 2 Most of the students use social media. That's how they stay in touch with one another.
- 3 I downloaded some music from Amazon last night.
- 4 There aren't any interactive whiteboards in our school.
- 5 You need to hold the games console controller with both hands.
- 6 None of my friends know the answer. I'll have to ask a teacher.
- 7 Jason's always on his computer. He spends little time on other hobbies.

**7 USE OF ENGLISH** Rewrite the sentences so they have a similar meaning. Use the word(s) in brackets.

- 1 I don't have much IT homework this weekend. (little)
- 2 Almost all of the students own a computer. (most)
- 3 Not many of my friends use Twitter. (few)
- 4 Sam loves Facebook and Ben loves Facebook. (both)
- 5 I will text you on Saturday or on Sunday. (either)
- 6 There aren't any documents in the folder. (no)
- 7 Marlon has a gadget on his left wrist and his right wrist. (each)
- 8 I downloaded all the apps to my new phone. (every one)
- 9 I don't spend a lot of time using social media. (much)
- 10 I haven't got any gadgets that are expensive. (none)

- 1 I have little IT homework this weekend.
- 2 Most (of the) students own a computer.
- 3 Few of my friends use Twitter.
- 4 Both Sam and Ben love Facebook.
- 5 I will text you either on Saturday or on Sunday.
- 6 There are no documents in the folder.
- 7 Marlon has a gadget on each wrist.
- 8 I downloaded every one of the apps to my new phone.
- 9 I don't spend much time using social media.
- 10 None of my gadgets are expensive.

- 1 Put the nouns below into two lists: a) countable and b) uncountable.

document gadget habit health homework information  
money music software website

<b>Countable</b>	<b>Uncountable</b>
document, gadget, habit, website	health, homework, information, money, music, software

## 2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 In our school, not **every** / **each** student studies English.
- 2 John can kick the ball really well with **either** / **both** foot.
- 3 The exam was very difficult, so **few** / **a few** managed to finish.
- 4 This coffee is rather bitter. Can you put **little** / **a little** sugar in it, please?
- 5 How **much** / **many** pizzas shall we buy?
- 6 Do **all** / **every** cats like milk?
- 7 The teacher has marked **every** / **all** piece of homework.
- 8 **All the** / **Every** student answered the question, but **each** / **every** student gave a different answer.



### 3 Answer the questions with complete sentences. Use the words in brackets.

1 Did you finish your homework? (most)

*I finished most of it.*

2 Which friends are you going to invite to your party? (all)

3 How many wearable gadgets have you got? (any)

4 Do you prefer tablets or laptops? (like / both)

5 How much money have you got left? (a little)

6 How many students got full marks in the exam? (none)

7 Did you win all of your matches? (every)

8 Do you like Adele and Emeli Sandé? (either)

2 I'm going to invite all my friends / all of them to my party.

3 I haven't got any wearable gadgets.

4 I like both tablets and laptops. / I like both of them.

5 I've got a little money left.

6 None (of them / of the students) got full marks in the exam.

7 Yes, I won every match / every one of my matches / every one of them.

8 No, I don't like either Adele or Emeli Sandé / either of them.