



- A: OK. How much rice have we got?  
 B: We've got a lot. We've got 10,000 kilos.  
 A: And how many tins of vegetables?  
 B: Not many. Just 2,500 tins.  
 A: That's not good. How much flour have we got?  
 B: Not much. Just 1,000 kilos.



## Presentation

### Countable and uncountable nouns

- Some nouns are **countable**: *one tin, two tins, three tins ...*  
 Countable nouns have singular and plural forms.
- Some nouns are **uncountable**: *rice, flour ...*  
 Uncountable nouns are always singular.

### *much, many and a lot*

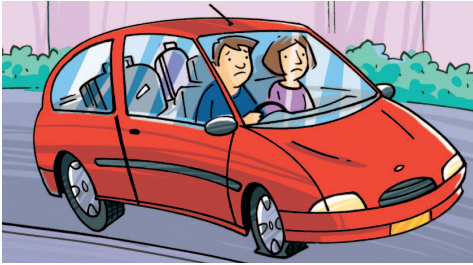
- Use *much* with uncountable nouns.
- Use *many* with countable nouns.
- Use *much* and *many* in questions (with *how*) and in negatives: *How much rice? There isn't much rice. How many tins? There aren't many tins.*
- Use *a lot* with both countable and uncountable nouns: *a lot of tins, a lot of rice.*

## Exercises

### 1 Are these things countable or uncountable? Write **C** or **U**.

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|---------------|---|-----------|--|
| 1 rice        | U | 9 air     |  |
| 2 flour       |   | 10 light  |  |
| 3 tin of soup |   | 11 space  |  |
| 4 people      |   | 12 window |  |
| 5 money       |   | 13 CD     |  |
| 6 time        |   | 14 book   |  |
| 7 petrol      |   | 15 DVD    |  |
| 8 oil         |   | 16 milk   |  |

2 Complete the conversations with *much* or *many*. Then listen and check.



Conversation 1

- A: How <sup>1</sup> much time have we got?  
 B: We've got about an hour before everyone arrives.  
 A: How <sup>2</sup> people are coming?  
 B: Not <sup>3</sup> – about twenty.  
 A: Twenty? And how <sup>4</sup> money have we spent?

Conversation 2

- C: Is the car ready?  
 D: Well, we haven't got <sup>5</sup> petrol.  
 C: OK, and how <sup>6</sup> oil have we got?  
 D: Not <sup>7</sup> and there isn't <sup>8</sup> air in the tyres.

Conversation 3

- E: Did you like the apartment?  
 F: No, I didn't. There wasn't <sup>9</sup> light.  
 E: Really?  
 F: No, and there weren't <sup>10</sup> windows. And there wasn't <sup>11</sup> space either.

Conversation 4

- G: How <sup>12</sup> CDs are there?  
 H: About five hundred.  
 G: What about books? How <sup>13</sup> books are there?  
 H: About a thousand.  
 G: And how <sup>14</sup> DVDs are there?  
 H: About two hundred.

3 Correct the sentences. Five are correct.

- 1 There are a lot of tins in that cupboard.
- 2 We don't have many salt.
- 3 How many milk do you need?
- 4 I have a lot of information about it.
- 5 There isn't a lot time. Let's go!
- 6 How much rooms do you need?
- 7 There aren't many chairs.
- 8 How a lot of rice do you want?
- 9 How much sugar have we got?
- 10 There aren't much milk in the fridge.
- 11 Are there much people at the party?
- 12 A lot of people is vegetarians these days.

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