



- 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

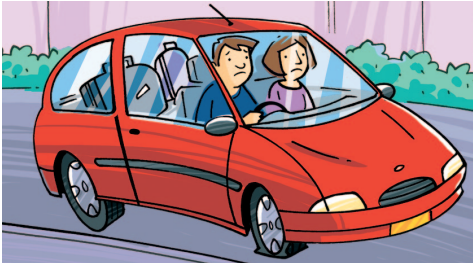
- Use *much* with uncountable nouns.
- Use *many* with countable nouns.
- Use *much* and *many* in questions (with *how*) and in negatives: *How much rice? There isn't much rice. How many tins? There aren't many tins.*
- Use *a lot* with both countable and uncountable nouns: *a lot of tins, a lot of 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 ¹ much time have we got?
 B: We've got about an hour before everyone arrives.
 A: How ² people are coming?
 B: Not ³ – about twenty.
 A: Twenty? And how ⁴ money have we spent?

Conversation 2

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

Conversation 3

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

Conversation 4

- G: How ¹² CDs are there?
 H: About five hundred.
 G: What about books? How ¹³ books are there?
 H: About a thousand.
 G: And how ¹⁴ 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.

correct

We don't have much salt.