

**English Language Skills
Consolidation. Livello: B2**

Module Four

Creativity

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Quantity expressions

a) Countable and uncountable nouns

Some nouns are countable (door, pen, book, table) and others are uncountable (information, paper, equipment)

1. We can use countable nouns in the singular and an indefinite article (a door) and also in the plural (two doors, three pens, some books).
2. We can't use uncountable nouns with the indefinite article or in the plural (some information, some water) (not an information, a water)

Quantity expressions

Some, any

We use some and any to talk about quantity, but not a particular quantity.

a). We use some in positive sentences with **uncountable** nouns:

I need some information

I want some water

And plural **countable** nouns

I need some colleagues here today

We want some chairs taken to the meeting room.

Quantity expressions

Some, any

B We also use some for requests, Questions and offers when we expect the answer “YES”.

A: Would you like some water?

B: Yes I`d love some.

A: Can I Have some paper?

B: Of course you can.

Quantity expressions

Some, any

c) We use any with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns for **questions** when we do not know the answer and for **negative** sentences.

Have you got any brothers or sisters?

Have you got any questions?

I don't need any potatoes

I didn't buy any wine.

Quantity expressions

A few-a little

We use a few and a little to talk about a *small* quantity.

a) We use a few with countable nouns in questions and positive sentences .

I need a few apples.

Can I have a few tomatoes?

Quantity expressions

A few-a little

b). We use a little with uncountable nouns in questions and positive sentences.

They want a little water

I can give you a little coffee

Can I Have a little butter?

Quantity expressions

A lot (of) , much, many

We use a lot (of) much and many to talk about large quantity

a). We use a lot (of) with countable and uncountable nouns in positive and negative sentences and questions

I am doing a lot of work at the moment

Have you got a lot of books?

I have got a lot of money. But not a lot.

Quantity expressions

A lot (of), much, many

We use **Much** with uncountable nouns in negative sentences and questions.

I didn't have much time.

How much time did you need? Not much

Quantity expressions

A lot (of) , much, many

c). We use many with countable nouns in negative sentences and questions.

We haven't got many sunny days.

How many students are there? Not many

We don't usually use much in positive. In informal English, many is not common in positive sentences.

We prefer a lot (of)

Advanced English Grammar - Adjective Clauses + Quantifiers

Advanced speakers, will find this lesson useful for improving their formal English. If you're comfortable with adjective clauses, check out this lesson to expand your knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJyPhihj1t0>

Then take the quiz here:

<http://www.english.com/adjective-clauses-quantifiers/>



Determiners

This is an instructional video about what determiner is and its categorizations. Most determiners may also function as pronouns such as; Demonstratives, Possessives and Quantifiers (Indefinite Pronouns). But in order to recognize them remember that a determiner always follows a noun.

A noun can stand alone but a determiner cannot stand alone without a Noun.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hu9b9mbpxuw>

Pronouns and determiners –an overview: Tutorial & Practice.

<http://random-idea-english.blogspot.it/2011/10/pronouns-and-determiners-overview.html>

Quiz: Creativity

The ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, relationships, or the like, and to create meaningful new ideas, forms, methods, interpretations, etc.; originality, progressiveness, or imagination:

How Creative Are You? Instructions

For each statement, click the button in the column that best describes you. Please answer questions as you actually are (rather than how you think you should be), and don't worry if some questions seem to score in the 'wrong direction'. When you are finished, please click the 'Calculate My Total' button at the bottom of the test.

<https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/creativity-quiz.htm>

Creativity, innovation and rewards - Creativity at work (#1)

Monica Parker, David Coplin,
Chris Bunch, Samantha Jones
and Ronnie McCourt tell us
their perceptions and
experiences of creativity,
innovation and Rewards in
their line of business.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gRdFiTJeSg>

There are many more videos on the
link if you wish to learn more.

