Number, quantity, degree and intensity

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each quantity expression with its meaning.

1 many	____	a more countable things than needed
2 much	____	b a small amount of something uncountable
3 a few	____	c no people or things
4 a little	____	d a large number of countable things
5 enough	____	e as much or as many as needed
6 too many	____	f a small number of countable things
7 too much	____	g a large amount of something uncountable
8 none	____	h more of something uncountable than needed

2 Complete the quantity expressions.

bit | few | little | lot | many | much | number | plenty

1 a _____ of people

2 a large _____ of students

3 not _____ time

4 too _____ mistakes

5 a _____ sugar

6 a _____ friends

7 _____ of food

8 a tiny _____ of salt

3 Choose the correct word or phrase.

1 How *many / much* books are there?

2 We have *a little / a few* milk left.

3 There are *too many / too much* cars here.

4 The soup is *very / many* hot.

5 I am *quite / quantity* tired today.

6 There is *enough / plenty* space for everyone.

7 Only *a few / a little* students were absent.

8 The film was *extremely / number* exciting.

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4 Complete the event report with words from the box.

enough | extremely | few | little | many | much | plenty | very

The school event was **1** _____ successful. **2** _____ students attended, but only a **3** _____ teachers were there. We had **4** _____ of chairs and **5** _____ space. There was not **6** _____ food at first, but a **7** _____ extra food arrived later. Everyone was **8** _____ pleased.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

Using quantity words

We use many and a few with countable nouns such as books or people. We use much and a little with uncountable nouns such as water or time. A lot of works with both kinds of noun. Enough means that the quantity is sufficient. Too much and too many show that the quantity is greater than needed.

1 Many is used with countable nouns. T / F

2 Much is used with books. T / F

3 A little can describe water. T / F

4 A lot of works with both noun types. T / F

5 Enough means insufficient. T / F

6 Too many means more than needed. T / F

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 We have sufficient time. **ENOUGH** _____

2 There are more chairs than we need. **MANY** _____

3 Only three people came. **FEW** _____

4 The test was very difficult. **EXTREMELY** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write **70-90 words** describing the number of people, amount of food and intensity of activities at an event.

[ ] Use at least eight target expressions. [ ] Distinguish countable and uncountable nouns. [ ] Use intensifiers correctly.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Quantity expressions

1 **d** 2 **g** 3 **f** 4 **b** 5 **e** 6 **a** 7 **h** 8 **c**

2 Quantity expressions

1 **lot** 2 **number** 3 **much** 4 **many** 5 **little** 6 **few** 7 **plenty** 8 **bit**

3 Correct choices

1 **many** 2 **a little** 3 **too many** 4 **very**
5 **quite** 6 **enough** 7 **a few** 8 **extremely**

4 Event report

1 **extremely** 2 **many** 3 **few** 4 **plenty** 5 **enough** 6 **much** 7 **little** 8 **very**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 **T** 2 **F** 3 **T** 4 **T** 5 **F** 6 **T**

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 We have **enough** time. 2 There are too **many** chairs. 3 A **few** people came. 4 The test was **extremely** difficult.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check quantifiers, noun type and degree expressions.