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**HOW MUCH – HOW MANY**

**1. Understanding Countable and Uncountable Nouns**

Before learning **"How many"** and **"How much,"** students must understand **countable** and **uncountable nouns.**

**Countable Nouns**

✅ These are things we can count individually.
✅ They have both singular and plural forms.
✅ We use numbers with them (one, two, three, etc.).

**Examples:**

* One apple, two apples, three apples 🍏
* One chair, two chairs, three chairs 🪑

📌 **Tip:** If you can say “one” or “two” before the noun, it is countable.

**Uncountable Nouns**

❌ These are things we **cannot** count individually.
❌ They do **not** have plural forms.
❌ We do **not** use numbers directly with them.

**Examples:**

* Water, sugar, milk, rice, money, advice, information.
* We cannot say **"two waters"** or **"three rices."**

📌 **Tip:** Many uncountable nouns are **liquids, powders, abstract ideas, or substances.**

**2. When to Use "How Many"**

🔹 **"How many"** is used for countable nouns.
🔹 It is always followed by a **plural noun**.

**Structure:**
➡️ **How many** + **plural countable noun** + verb + (rest of the sentence)?

**Examples:**

* **How many** books do you have? (books = countable) 📚
* **How many** apples are in the fridge? (apples = countable) 🍎
* **How many** students are in your class? (students = countable) 👩‍🎓👨‍🎓

📝 **Common Mistake:**
❌ **How many money do you have?** (Incorrect ❌)
✔ **How much money do you have?** (Correct ✅ → "money" is uncountable!)

**3. When to Use "How Much"**

🔹 **"How much"** is used for uncountable nouns.
🔹 It is always followed by a **singular uncountable noun**.

**Structure:**
➡️ **How much** + **uncountable noun** + verb + (rest of the sentence)?

**Examples:**

* **How much** water do you drink every day? (water = uncountable) 💧
* **How much** sugar do you put in your tea? (sugar = uncountable) 🍚
* **How much** money do you need? (money = uncountable) 💵

📝 **Common Mistake:**
❌ **How much chairs are in the room?** (Incorrect ❌)
✔ **How many chairs are in the room?** (Correct ✅ → "chairs" are countable!)

**4. Special Cases & Exceptions**

**A. Some Nouns Can Be Both Countable and Uncountable**

Some nouns **can be both countable and uncountable** depending on their meaning.

| **Noun** | **Countable Meaning 🟢** | **Uncountable Meaning 🔴** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Coffee** ☕ | *Three coffees* (three cups of coffee) | *Some coffee* (coffee as a liquid) |
| **Paper** 📜 | *Two papers* (two newspapers) | *Some paper* (a material) |
| **Chicken** 🍗 | *Three chickens* (three birds) | *Some chicken* (chicken meat) |
| **Time** ⏳ | *Three times* (three occurrences) | *Some time* (a duration) |

Examples:
✅ **How many** coffees did you drink? (Cups of coffee ☕ – countable)
✅ **How much** coffee do you want? (Liquid coffee ☕ – uncountable)

**B. Asking About Prices and Quantities**

1️⃣ **Price:**
We often use **"How much"** when asking about prices.

* ✅ **How much is this dress?** 👗
* ✅ **How much does this phone cost?** 📱

2️⃣ **Amount/Quantity:**

* ✅ **How many bottles of water do you drink?** (bottles = countable)
* ✅ **How much water do you drink?** (water = uncountable)

**5. Summary Chart**

| **Question Type** | **Use with** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **How many** | Countable nouns (plural) | How many oranges do you have? 🍊 |
| **How much** | Uncountable nouns (singular) | How much sugar do you need? 🍚 |
| **How much** | Money and price | How much does this book cost? 📖💰 |
| **How many** | Objects, people, things | How many students are in your class? 🎓 |

**Worksheet 1: Fill in the Blanks**

**A. Choose "How many" or "How much" to complete the sentences.**

1. HOW MANY apples are in the basket?
2. HOW MUCH sugar do you put in your tea?
3. HOW MANY books do you have in your bag?
4. \_HOW MUCH money do you need?
5. HOW MANY chairs are in the room?
6. HOW MUCH water do you drink every day?
7. HOW MANY pens are on the desk?
8. HOW MUCH rice is in the bowl?
9. HOW MANY people are at the party?
10. HOW MUCH milk do you buy from the store?

**Worksheet 2: Writing Questions**

**A. Look at the words and form questions using "How many" or "How much."**

1. (oranges / in the fridge)
	* **Question:** how many oranges are in the fridge?
2. (salt / in the soup)
	* **Question:** how much salt i put in the soup?
	* **How much salt is in the soup?**
3. (students / in your class)
	* **Question:** how many students are in your class?
4. (water / in the bottle)
	* **Question:** how much water is in the bottle?
5. (chairs / in the living room)
	* **Question:** how many chairs are in the living room ?

**B. Answer the questions using your own information.**

1. How many books do you have? → **I have \_\_\_three\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ books.**
2. How much milk do you drink daily? → **I drink \_\_\_\_\_\_2 glasses\_\_\_\_ milk.**
3. How many pens are in your bag? → **There are \_\_3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pens.**
4. How much rice do you eat per week? → **I eat \_\_\_\_2 bowls\_\_\_\_\_\_ rice.**
5. How many students are in your class? → **There are 24 students.**