



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



## Presentation

### Countable and uncountable nouns

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

### *much, many and a lot*

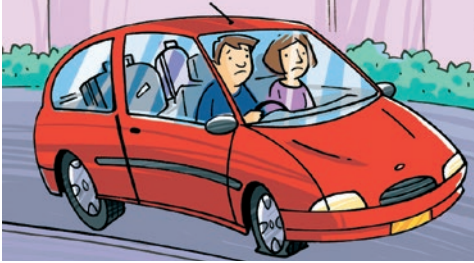
- Use *much* with uncountable nouns.
- Use *many* with countable nouns.
- Use *much* and *many* in questions (with *how*) and in negatives: *How much rice? There isn't much rice. How many cans? There aren't many cans.*
- Use *a lot* with both countable and uncountable nouns: *a lot of cans, a lot of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

## Exercises

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

- |               |                      |           |       |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 rice        | ..... <b>U</b> ..... | 9 air     | ..... |
| 2 flour       | .....                | 10 light  | ..... |
| 3 can of soup | .....                | 11 space  | ..... |
| 4 people      | .....                | 12 window | ..... |
| 5 money       | .....                | 13 CD     | ..... |
| 6 time        | .....                | 14 book   | ..... |
| 7 gas         | .....                | 15 DVD    | ..... |
| 8 oil         | .....                | 16 milk   | ..... |

**2 Complete the conversations with *much* or *many*.**



**Conversation 1**

- A: How <sup>1</sup> much time do we have?  
 B: We have 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 don't <sup>5</sup> gas.  
 C: OK, and how <sup>6</sup> oil do we have?  
 D: Not <sup>7</sup> and there isn't <sup>8</sup> air in the tires.

**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 cans 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 of 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 do we have?
- 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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