

(1) **ALRIGHTY**, we're going to take a look at: **MANY, MUCH, and A LOT OF or LOTS OF**

(2) **MANY** is used for **COUNTABLE NOUNS**:

Here are some examples:

How **many** kids are here today?

We haven't had **many** rainy days this season.

There are so **many** people here today!

(3) **MUCH** is used for **UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS**

For example:

How **much** money did we spend last month?

In English, money is not considered a countable noun, because you are not able to say "8 moneys" in the way you can say "8 dollars".

We haven't had **much** rain this season.

He's not doing well. He is not drinking **much** water.

(5) You can use **A LOT OF** or **LOTS OF** for both countable and uncountable nouns:

Another thing that you want to notice is that these two phrases can be completely interchangeable. You can use **A LOT OF**, or you can use **LOTS OF**.

There are **a lot of** kids here today!

There are **lots of** kids here today!

There has been **a lot of** rain this week!

There has been **lots of** rain this week!

She drinks **a lot of** water.

She drinks **lots of** water.

(6) So then, when do we use what?

When asking open-ended questions, use **MANY** and **MUCH**.

How **much** water are you drinking?

How **much** money have you saved so far?

How **many** kids came to the party?

How **many** lions did you see at the zoo?

(7) When asking YES and NO questions, use MANY, MUCH, and A LOT OF

For example:

Did you drink **much** water?

Are you saving **much** money?

Did you drink **a lot of** water?

Are you saving **lots of** money?

Did **a lot of** kids come to the party?

Did you see **a lot of** kids at the zoo?

Did **many** kids come to the party?

Did you see **many** kids at the zoo?

(8) When making affirmative (positive) statements, use “A LOT OF”

For example:

I am baking **a lot of** cookies.

You can say “I am baking **many** cookies”, but it’s not as frequent as “a lot of”.

I had **a lot of** business this week.

\*\*“I had much business this week” - NO, we won’t say \*\*“I had much business this week”. But, if we have the word “SO”, we can say “I had **SO MUCH** business this week!”

**(9) Okay, when making negative statements, you can use MANY, MUCH, and A LOT OF**

I didn't see **many** people.

I didn't see **a lot of** people.

There wasn't **much** interest in the activities offered.

There wasn't **a lot of** interest in the activities offered.

**(10) IN SUMMARY,**

	MANY	MUCH	A LOT OF
countable	✓		✓
non-countable		✓	✓
affirmative			✓
negative	✓	✓	✓
open ended questions	✓	✓	
yes/no questions	✓	✓	✓

So in summary, you use MANY with countable nouns, and with negative statements, and questions. With MUCH, you're going to use it with non-countable nouns, and in negative statements, and in questions. And you can use A LOT OF in all of the scenarios. Okay! I hope this helps.

**LET'S TRY SOME PRACTICE SENTENCES:**

- (1) We have \_\_\_\_\_ options for drinks tonight.
- (2) We're going to have \_\_\_\_\_ fun tonight!
- (3) There will not be \_\_\_\_\_ rain tonight.
- (4) Did you want to see how \_\_\_\_\_ cats are there?
- (5) How \_\_\_\_\_ did it rain last week?
- (6) There were so \_\_\_\_\_ kids at that party last night!
- (7) Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ kinds of food?
- (8) Does the man have \_\_\_\_\_ money?
- (9) I want to see how \_\_\_\_\_ weight that wrestler can lift.
- (10) He doesn't want \_\_\_\_\_ attention from us.

**ANSWERS:**

- (1) We have lots of / a lot of options for drinks tonight.
- (2) We're going to have lots of / a lot of fun tonight!
- (3) There will not be much/a lot of rain tonight.
- (4) Did you want to see how many cats are there?
- (5) How much did it rain last week?
- (6) There were so many kids at that party last night!
- (7) Do you like many/lots of/ a lot of kinds of food?
- (8) Does the man have much / a lot of / lots of money?
- (9) I want to see how much weight that wrestler can lift.
- (10) He doesn't want much / a lot of /lots of attention from us.