

Quantity: noun and meaning

Units and amounts

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Use how many with a plural count noun for units. Use how much with a mass noun in its stated sense. Here milk, water and money name amounts; bottles, cups and tickets name units. Count containers separately from contents. Forms: "How much ... is there?" "How many ... are there?" "How much/many ... do you need?"

How many chairs are there? Four.
bottle/bottles; cup/cups; ticket/tickets;
litre; milk; water; money.

A. Ask and answer

Ask about milk and cups using is/are there. Add short answers.

Picnic table: 2 litres of milk; 5 empty cups; 2 spare tickets.

B. Repair and answer

Correct both questions and answer with the required quantities.

Team needs: 4 tickets; 12 euros.

Questions: "How much tickets do you need? How many money do you need?"

C. Containers and contents

Ask and answer about total bottles and total water.

Label: 1 litre per full bottle. Two bottles are full of water; one bottle is empty.

Check the situation and the meaning of each noun.