

How much & How many- trivia quiz

Countable and uncountable nouns/ Pronouncing numbers/ Comparing and contrasting

Student A

Choose one of the lines below and turn the statement into a question with “How many...?” (if it is about a countable noun with “-s” at the end) or “How much...?” (if it is an uncountable noun with no “-s” at the end). Listen to your partner’s guess and give them hints like those in the box below until they reach exactly the right number.

Useful phrases for giving hints		
“It’s “The real number/ amount is	much much/ far far	more/ higher.”
	much/ far	
substantially/ considerably/ quite a lot		
“The real number/ amount is	somewhat	less/ fewer/ lower.”
	slightly/ a little/ a bit/ a little bit	
	a tiny bit	

1. One million four hundred thousand academic papers were published in 2006.
2. Two point five billion yen of cash was handed into the Tokyo police in 2003.
3. A hundred and forty billion apps were downloaded from Apple in September 2016.
4. There are a hundred and seventy million Australian \$5 bills (= notes) in circulation.
5. There are nine thousand three hundred buses in London.
6. Eighty billion disposable chopsticks are produced in China every year.
7. It took seven million man-hours of labour to construct the Empire State Building.
8. An active middle-aged man should eat two thousand nine hundred (kilo)calories of food (every day).
9. American workers have four point one hours of free time every day.
10. Six hundred and eighty million tons of fruit is produced in the world every year.
11. Ten billion pieces of furniture have been sold by Ikea.
12. A chimpanzee can use sixty six gestures.
13. A hundred and fifty thousand homes are sold every month in the UK.
14. Forty thousand icebergs are formed every year in Greenland.
15. The UK insurance industry has two hundred and ninety thousand employees.
16. The insurance for "Ugly Betty" star America Ferrera's smile was for ten million dollars.
17. It takes fifty tons of paint to paint The Eiffel Tower.
18. Government funding for drug discovery in 2015 in Japan was twenty billion yen.
19. It would take six thousand floppy disks to store the same as one DVD.

Look at both sheets and ask about anything that you don’t understand.

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Useful phrases for giving hints		
“It’s	much much/ far far	more/ higher.”
	much/ far	
“The real number/ amount is	substantially/ considerably/ quite a lot	less/ fewer/ lower.”
	somewhat	
	slightly/ a little/ a bit/ a little bit	
	a tiny bit	

20. Two billion five hundred million light bulbs are sold every year.
21. You can take thirty five kilogrammes of luggage on an Emirates economy class flight.
22. The maximum advertising per hour of Australian TV is thirteen minutes.
23. An average person eats forty kilogrammes of meat a year.
24. There are five oceans in the world.
25. Ten million tons of packaging is thrown away in the UK every year.
26. There are six hundred million pebbles on Brighton beach.
27. Shakespeare wrote a hundred and fifty nine poems.
28. Windows 10 needs four gigabytes of RAM (memory).
29. There are seven hundred and seventy five rooms in Buckingham Palace.
30. A hundred and six new skyscrapers (over 200 metres tall) were built in 2015.
31. Five billion trees are cut down every year.
32. There are two thousand one hundred and forty three windows in Versailles Palace (near Paris, in France).
33. There are two hundred and thirty thousand words in the Oxford English dictionary.
34. 15 year olds in Shanghai do thirteen point eight hours of homework every week.
35. Ten point four percent of the land in Okinawa is taken up by American military bases.
36. There are eighteen million lines of computer code in Windows 98.
37. In 2003, there were seven million complaints a day to AOL about spam.
38. It took fifty seven thousand tons of steel to construct the frame of the Empire State Building.

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Countable and uncountable presentation

Without looking above, add “some” before the words below. Then write “-s” after words if they need it (because they are countable). Leave uncountable nouns with “some” and no “-s” (because it would be wrong with “-s”).

academic paper
cash
app
bill/ note
bus
disposable chopstick
labour
food
free time
fruit
furniture
gesture
home
iceberg
employee
insurance
paint
funding
floppy disk
light bulb
luggage
advertising
meat
ocean
packaging
pebble
poem
RAM (memory)
room
new skyscraper
trees
window
word
homework
land
computer code
complaint
steel

The words below have the opposite grammar to the words above, so add “some” and “-s” to the ones that have “some” and no “-s” above and vice versa. If the opposite of above seems incorrect, you might have got the one above wrong.

academic research/ academic literature
dollar
software
money
transport/ transportation
cutlery/ silverware
job/ role/ duty
meal
day off/ holiday
apple
chair
body language
accommodation
ice
workplace
insurance policy
coat/ layer (of paint)
fund
storage
lighting
suitcase
ad/ advert/ advertisement/ commercial
sausage
seawater/ salt happen
packet/ box
stone
poetry
(memory) chip
(free) space
(new) construction
wood
glass
vocabulary
assignment/ essay
estate
program
unhappiness/ dissatisfaction
steel bar/ girder

What kinds of words are usually uncountable?

Pronouncing numbers in English presentation

Work together to pronounce the underlined figures below, checking above if you aren't sure.

1. 1,400,000 academic papers were published in 2006.
2. 2,500,000,000 yen of cash was handed into the Tokyo police in 2003.
3. 140,000,000,000 apps were downloaded from Apple in September 2016:
4. There are 170,000,000 Australian \$5 bills (= notes) in circulation.
5. There are 9,300 buses in London.
6. 80,000,000,000 disposable chopsticks are produced in China every year.
7. It took 7,000,000 man-hours of labour to construct the Empire State Building.
8. An active middle-aged man should eat 2,900 (kilo)cal of food.
9. American workers have 4.1 hrs of free time every day.
10. 680,000,000 t of fruit is produced in the world every year.
11. 10,000,000,000 pieces of furniture have been sold by Ikea.
12. A chimpanzee can use 66 gestures.
13. 150,000 homes are sold every month in the UK.
14. 40,000 icebergs are formed every year in Greenland.
15. The UK insurance industry has 290,000 employees.
16. The insurance for "Ugly Betty" star America Ferrera's smile was for \$10,000,000.
17. It takes 50 tons of paint to paint The Eiffel Tower.
18. Government funding for drug discovery in 2015 in Japan was 20,000,000,000 yen.
19. It would take 6,000 floppy disks to store the same as one DVD.
20. 2,500,000,000 light bulbs are sold every year.
21. You can take 35 kg of luggage on an Emirates economy class flight.
22. The maximum advertising per hour of Australian TV is 13 min.
23. An average person eats 40 kg of meat a year.
24. There are 5 oceans in the world.
25. 10,000,000 tons of packaging is thrown away in the UK every year.
26. There are 600,000,000 pebbles on Brighton beach.
27. Shakespeare wrote 159 poems.
28. Windows 10 needs 4 GB of RAM (memory).
29. There are 775 rooms in Buckingham Palace.
30. 106 new skyscrapers (over 200 metres tall) were built in 2015.
31. 5,000,000,000 trees are cut down every year.
32. There are 2,143 windows in Versailles Palace in France.
33. There are 220,000 words in the Oxford English dictionary.
34. 15 year olds in Shanghai do 13.8 hours of homework every week.
35. 10.4% of the land in Okinawa is taken up by American military bases..
36. There are 18,000,000 lines of computer code in Windows 98.
37. In 2003, there were 7,000,000 complaints a day to AOL about spam.
38. It took 57,000 t of steel to construct the frame of the Empire State Building.