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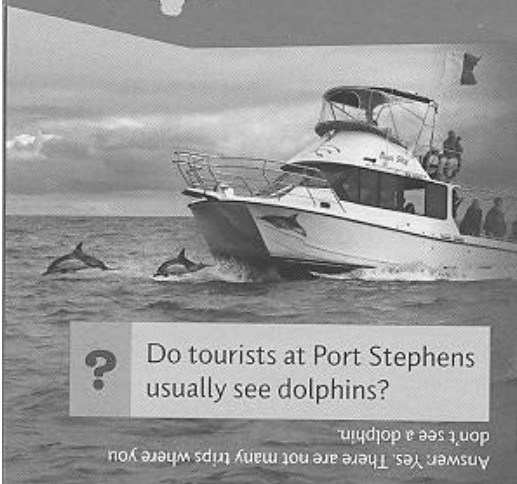
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Much, many, a lot of, a little, a few

A lot of fun!



Do tourists at Port Stephens usually see dolphins?

Answer: Yes. There are not many trips where you don't see a dolphin.

The Eco-Blog Read what our eco-tourists say about travelling in Australia.

A lot of fun! by Kelly, 24th October

I've been on dolphin-watching trips before and often you only get a **little** time with the dolphins ... but this was different. Port Stephens on the coast of New South Wales is the perfect place to watch dolphins. I saw **lots** of dolphins jumping over the waves ... fantastic!

There are **not many** trips where you don't see a dolphin. But if you are unlucky and only see a dolphin for a few moments, the **captain** will give you a free ticket for another trip.

And the best thing is – it doesn't cost **much**. What are you waiting for? Buy your ticket today!

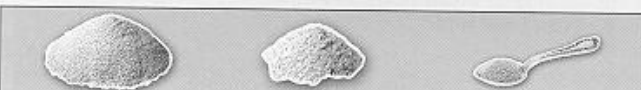
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many, a lot of,
lots of

some

not many, a few



much, a lot of,
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some

not much, a little

- Use **much** with singular uncountable nouns and **many** with plural countable nouns.
We do not have much time.
There are not many trips.
- Use **a lot of** or **lots of** with both singular uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.
It was a lot of / lots of fun.
I saw a lot of / lots of dolphins.
- We use **a lot of** or **lots of** in statements and negative sentences and in questions.
There is a lot of marine life in the Port Stephens bay area.
Not a lot of tourists know this place.
Are there a lot of different types of dolphin?

- We usually use **much** and **many** in negative sentences and questions.
We do not have much time.
Are there many dolphins in the Port Stephens bay area?
- We don't usually use **much** in statements – we prefer **a lot of** or **lots of**.
It was a lot of fun! NOT *It was much fun!*
- We sometimes use **many** in formal statements.
Scientists have discovered that many female dolphins live in groups of six or eight animals.
- A lot of** or **lots of** are more common in informal statements.
I saw lots of dolphins jumping over the waves.
- Use **a little** with singular uncountable nouns and **a few** with plural nouns.
You only get a little time with the dolphins.
You only see a dolphin for a few moments.

TIP

You can leave out the noun after **much**, **many**, **a little**, **a few**, **a lot of** and **lots of**.
It doesn't cost much. (= It doesn't cost much money.)
How much time do we have? Only a little. (= Only a little time.)
It doesn't cost a lot. (= It doesn't cost a lot of money.)
How much money do we have? Lots!

Practice

A Complete the sentences with *much* or *many*.

- There aren't many days before the exam.
- Not snow has fallen in the Alps this winter.
- people are surprised when they first see the dolphins.
- Do the boys have homework tonight?
- Did children come to the party?
- There won't be hotel rooms at this time of year.
- Do you eat meat?
- Did you get presents for your birthday?
- Maria didn't give me good advice.
- There are different plants, animals and insects in the rainforest.

B Complete each of these sentences in two different ways, using phrases from the box and appropriate forms of the verb.

a little	love
a few	knowledge
	arguments
	bad marks
	salt in your food
	sweets
	rain
	days off

- A little rain is } a good thing.
A few days off are
- } not bad for you.
- } better than none.
- } nothing to worry about.

MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

- We travelled around Australia with friends. There were about six of us. a a little b a few c much
- We didn't have time in Port Stephens – only a few days. a many b a lot c much
- We had a free time at the end of our trip, so we did some shopping. a few b lot c little
- A: Did you see other animals? B: Yes, lots. a many b much c a lot
- A: How much did it cost to fly to Australia? B: . It was very expensive. a Much b A lot of c A lot

C Complete the blog using *a lot of*, *lots of*, *much*, *many*, *a little* or *a few*.

Kuranda Train and Skyrail, Australia
by Ido, 4th July



This is a great day trip. Take the train through the mountains and come back by Skyrail. The train trip was beautiful – we went past ¹ a lot of waterfalls and through ² tunnels! We wanted to see the traditional markets at Kuranda, but there weren't ³ good shops – just shops selling tourist souvenirs – so you won't need ⁴ money. ⁵ hours in town should be enough for most people. You can visit the Butterfly Sanctuary – if you want to – but there are ⁶ butterflies flying around you for free! You don't need ⁷ time to get to the Skyrail. Skyrail is a cable car that travels only ⁸ metres above the top of the rainforest. Unfortunately we only had ⁹ time. I wanted to stay all day!

MY TURN!

Answer the questions in your notebook using *a lot*, *not much*, *some*, *only a little*, *not many* or *only a few*.

- How much time do you spend on your homework every evening? A lot!
- How much time do you spend watching TV every week?
- How many plants do you know the names of?
- How many different butterflies do you know?
- How much money do you have in your pocket?
- How many hours' sleep did you have last night?
- How much snow was there last winter?
- How many times have you been on a plane?