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GRAMMAR

MUCH VS MANY



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THE BASICS

much + singular/uncountable nouns (much money)

many + plural/countable (many people)

a lot of + both (a lot of money/people) - Informal

lots of + both (lots of money/people) - Informal

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A considerable amount of time was dedicated to the painting.

Much time was dedicated to the painting.

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A substantial number of people attended the ceremony.

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~~**Many of** people attended the wedding.~~

Many of the people attended the wedding.

PRONOUNS

"Much" and "many" as Pronouns

In formal contexts we can use "much" and "many" as pronouns.

I don't know whether he will pass the exam. **Much** (=it) depends on whether he's willing to study or not.

Many (=many people) believed that the newspapers' stories were untrue.

MANY

Using "the"/"possessive pronouns" + "many"

We can use "the" and possessive pronouns (my, its, her, etc.) + "many" + plural countable nouns

The museum featured his many detailed sketches.

The many famous sculptures of Henry Moore were displayed in his gallery.

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For emphasis (of higher quantities of things), we can also use “a great/good deal of” with a singular/uncountable noun.

A great deal of the time I work is spent on creating content on YouTube to help people.

FAR + TOO MANY / MUCH

We can use "far too many" + plural/countable nouns
and "far too much" + uncountable nouns

Far too many people waste time on
social media.

Far too much attention is given to people who
don't deserve it.

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