

#### **ENGLISH GRAMMAR (ADVANCED)**

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# **AMOUNT / NUMBER / QUANTITY**

<u>Amount Of</u> : It is used for things you cannot measure (non-countable nouns). It usually precedes a singular word.

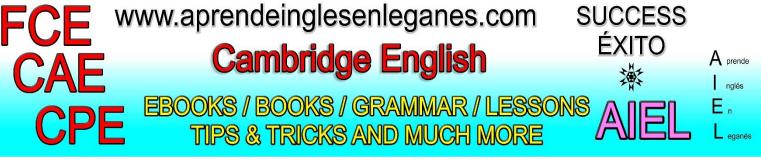
- I undertook an inordinate **amount of** work.
- He paid regular **amounts of** money to charity.
- The amount of smokers has decreased. WRONG
- The number of smokers has decreased. CORRECT

Number Of : It precedes a plural, countable noun. It applies to both animate and inanimate objects.

- The disease affected a large **number of** animals in the town. (animate)
- The ship was only carrying a large number of mangoes. (inanimate)

Quantity of : It is more formal than amount or number and can be followed by a countable noun or an uncountable noun. It is usually applied to inanimate objects. They are most commonly used with an adjective such as huge, big, large and small:

- The soldiers discovered a large **quantity of** weapons hidden under the floor of a disused building. (countable/inanimate)
- You only need a very small **quantity of** cement to mix with the sand.(uncountable/ inanimate)
- A large quantity of illegal drugs had been discovered. (countable/ inanimate)
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## TEST

- 1. No \_\_\_\_\_ of love would heal the hatred she felt.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_of work I got through in July was double the amount that I did in June.
- 3. Police found a large \_\_\_\_\_ of drugs in his possession.
- 4. I had a certain \_\_\_\_\_ of respect for him: he was a good footballer and a good ambassador for his country.
- 5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of equipment needed for this trip is staggering.
- 6. We use a huge \_\_\_\_\_of paper in the office every day.
- 7. A small \_\_\_\_\_ of children are educated at home.
- 8. A great \_\_\_\_\_of students volunteer each year for environmental projects.

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