



## ENGLISH GRAMMAR (ADVANCED)

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# AMOUNT / NUMBER / QUANTITY

**Amount Of** : 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.