

Correct these sentences.

1. I never drank so many wine in all my life.
2. She had so much problems that no one could help her.
3. Mother has so many jewelry.
4. I don't have many money.
5. She doesn't have much friends.
6. There aren't much apples left.
7. How much bananas should I buy?
8. How many food will we take on the hike?
9. There were much books to choose from.
10. We don't have many work to do today.
11. I don't have much shoes.
12. You are taking too much pictures.

Use much before uncountable nouns (money, water, beef, gas, fruit).

Use many before plural countable nouns (problems, friends, jobs, apples)

Read and discuss:

In the early 90's my sister was in a serious career slump, and I had just been dumped by my boyfriend. We were in our mid-twenties and five hundred miles apart. Our friends were sick of listening to us whine. One night my sister called and said, "We gotta go to Hawaii." What kind of advice was that? I'd never done anything so impulsive in my life.

But we took the trip, sipped fruity drinks and cried on each other's shoulder for two solid weeks. At last, our woes seemed ridiculous and our wails turned to laughter. Sometimes it pays to do something impulsive.

1. Talk about a time when you acted impulsively. Do you agree that sometimes it pays?
2. If we do something without thinking too much about it, we say we acted "on impulse". Have you ever acted "on impulse" when shopping?
3. Marketers know that sometimes customers pick up things at the checkout stand that they would not normally buy. That is why candy bars and gossip magazines are always at the check out stand. Have you ever bought an "impulse item"?
4. Who is more impulsive, you or your best friend?
5. Predictable is an antonym for impulsive. Would you like to be more predictable or more impulsive? Can being predictable be a bad thing?
6. Are you a whiner? Who whines more, young people or old people?

Read these short conversations aloud, then explain them to your group.

A: Larry is very attractive to the girls with his athletic body.

B: Yeah, until he opens his mouth. Then they realize he's all brawn and no brain.

A: I feel sorry for Terri. She exhausts herself trying to be all things to all people.

B: Yes, she tries to be the greatest wife, mother and employee. But it isn't possible. She ends up disappoint everyone.

A: Jim always has plenty of advice for me. Too bad he has no idea what he is talking about.

B: Jim is the worst kind of armchair critic. He thinks he knows something about running a business because he has read a book about it. I'd like to see him try it in real life.

A: Can you believe Ernesto doesn't even have a cell phone! He is so behind the times.

B: Ernesto is smarter than you think. My boss calls me day and night to do things because he knows he can always reach me on my cell. But Ernesto goes home and has a peaceful, relaxing night because no one can reach him.

A: Sara is plenty smart. She could get a great job with one of the major marketing firms if she wanted.

B: You're right, she could. But she enjoys being a big fish in a small pond. She has a lot of independence and gets to work on really important projects in her small firm. If she worked for one of the majors, she'd never have those opportunities.

A: John's dad invited us to the wedding and paid for our hotel room as well. He said it was really important to John to have his good friends with him at this important time. He said he didn't want the cost of a hotel room to keep us from the wedding.

B: Wow, what a class act!

A: You would never know Eric was a millionaire.

B: You're right. He's one of the most down to earth people I know.

Which one of the conversations above reminds you of something you have experienced or felt?