

Grammar using determiners and quantifiers

4 Complete the table with the words and phrases in the box. Some words and phrases will go in both columns.

a few a great deal of a large quantity of a little
a lot of a number of any few hundreds of little
~~many~~ much several some

Countable	Uncountable
many	

5 Replace the underlined words with another word or phrase from exercise 4 which has a similar meaning. Make any other necessary changes.

- There were hundreds of people in the square. many
- I only want a small quantity of sugar. I don't like it too sweet. _____
- He bought a great deal of white paint - enough to decorate the whole house. _____
- I recognized a number of people in the room. _____
- Not many foreigners are able to speak Mandarin Chinese well. _____
- I have no time at all next week. _____
- He doesn't have a lot of money. _____

6 Choose the correct options to complete the article.

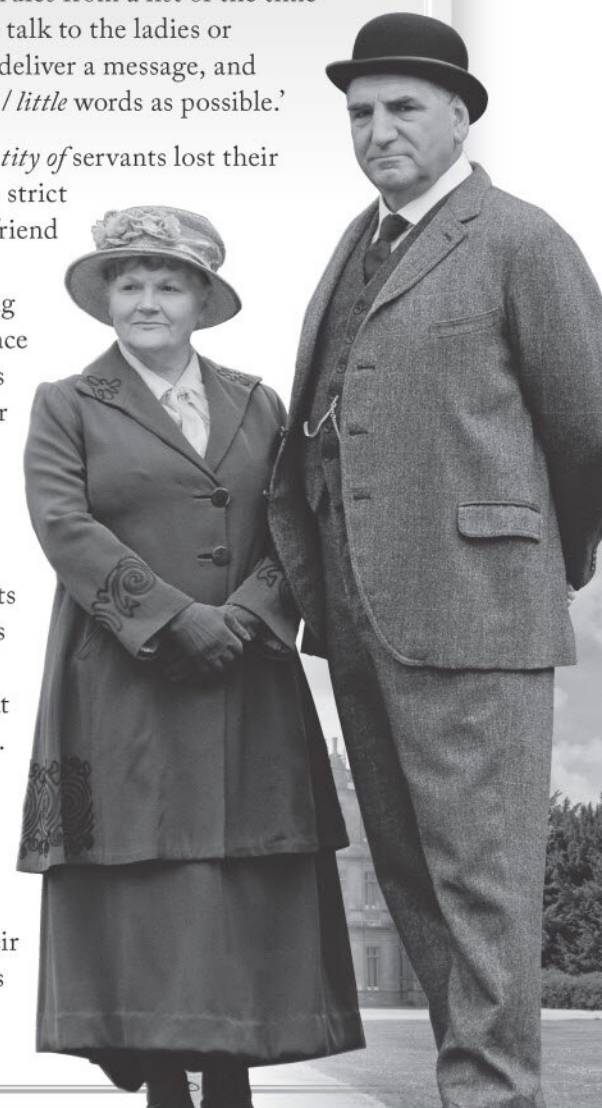
A SERVANT'S LIFE

¹ Millions of / *Much* people around the world have enjoyed watching *Downton Abbey*, a TV series set in an Edwardian country house. But in reality, the life of a servant at that time was terribly hard. Most servants worked sixteen hours a day, with one afternoon off a week, which didn't leave them with ² *much* / *a few* free time. But then again, they didn't earn ³ *a number of* / *a great deal of* money either, and there was very ⁴ *a little* / *little* to spend it on.

Many of them would sleep in the kitchen. Only ⁵ *a few* / *a little* were lucky enough to have proper bedrooms in the attic and, even then, they would nearly always share them with ⁶ *few* / *several* other servants. Servants were expected to remain as quiet and invisible as possible. One of the rules from a list of the time says: 'Never begin to talk to the ladies or gentlemen unless to deliver a message, and then do it in as ⁷ *few* / *little* words as possible.'

⁸ *Many* / *A large quantity of* servants lost their jobs for breaking the strict rules, for inviting a friend or relative into the house, or for breaking a valuable object. Once this happened, it was almost impossible for them to get ⁹ *any* / *much* other kind of job, and they would end up stealing or begging on the streets just to survive. It was not until after the First World War that conditions improved.

The servants in *Downton Abbey* mostly seem to enjoy their lives, but it is unlikely that their real-life counterparts did.



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talk about housing and living.

understand and use determiners and quantifiers.

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