## QUANTIFIERS

| These are just words that are replacing numbers or quantities. What you need to think about is whether the thing you want to talk about |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| is singular, plural, countable or uncountable.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| She has some nice pairs of shoes.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don't want any ANY sugar in my tea.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pablo has a A LOT OF patients to see at the clinic today.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don't have MUCH time to finish my homework.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Andrew has MANY things to do today.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| So how do we know which quantifier to choose?   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| +++ we use <b>SOME</b> before UC and plural C   | +++, we use A LOT OF before UC and             | We use LITTLE and A LITTLE before UC      |  |  |  |  |  |
| nouns = I wanted to buy SOME wine, but I  | plural countable nouns. = Rosy didn't have     | nouns.                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| didn't have ANY money.  | A LOT OF time. / There are A LOT OF            | We use FEW and a A FEW before plural C    |  |  |  |  |  |
| sentences and ?, we use ANY before UC   | people here.                                   | nouns.                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| and plural C nouns. = Do you have ANY   | and ?, we use MUCH before UC and MANY          | A LITTLE and A FEW express a +++ idea,    |  |  |  |  |  |
| brothers or sisters?  | before plural C nouns. However, it is          | whereas LITTLE and FEW express a          |  |  |  |  |  |
| In requests, even though they may have a?   | possible to use A LOT OF too.                  | idea.                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| form, we use <b>SOME</b> before UC and plural C   | = There wasn't MUCH point in waiting any       | = I have A LITTLE money. +++ I have A     |  |  |  |  |  |
| nouns. = Would you like SOME milk in your   | longer.  | FEW friends. +++                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| coffee?   | = We haven't seen MANY places yet on our       | = I have LITTLE money I have FEW          |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | trip.  | friends                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are other quantifi  | ers too. These are the most commonly used ones | from bigger to smaller:                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| WITH UC NOUNS:  | WITH BOTH:                                     | WITH C NOUNS:                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| a great deal of / a large amount of / a large   | more/most                                      | a large number of / a great number of / a |  |  |  |  |  |
| quantity of   | a lot of / lots of                             | majority of                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| much  | all  | many                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| a little (+++) /little () /very little  | plenty of, some, any                           | a number (of)                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| a bit (of)  | enough   | several                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | less/least                                     | a few (+++) / few () /very few            |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | no/none  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | not any  |   |  |  |  |  |  |