



Error Correction Answers

Highlight the mistake in each sentence, then write an explanation why and the correct sentence.

1. How **many** chocolate is in your bag?

EXPLANATION

Many is only used for countable, plural nouns. Chocolate is uncountable.

CORRECTION

How much chocolate is in your bag?

2. How **much your** life have you spent learning English?

EXPLANATION

Life is preceded by your, which is a possessive adjective, this means we need of after much.

CORRECTION

How much of your life have you spent learning English?

3. How **much** people live on this planet?

EXPLANATION

Much is used for uncountable nouns. People is the plural of person, a countable plural noun.

CORRECTION

How many people live on this planet?

4. How **many** of that book have you read?

EXPLANATION

Many is only used for countable, plural nouns. When asking about an unspecific quantity, it's uncountable.

CORRECTION

How much of that book have you read?

5. I've got **too** many friends, it's amazing, I'm so happy.

EXPLANATION

Too is used to say that there is an unnecessarily large quantity and has a negative connotation.

CORRECTION

I've got so many friends, it's amazing, I'm so happy.

6. There are **much** rabbits in our garden, they're adorable!

EXPLANATION

Much is used for uncountable nouns. Rabbits are countable, plural nouns.

CORRECTION

There are many rabbits in our garden, they're adorable!

7. How **much** cartons of milk should I buy at the shops?

EXPLANATION

Although milk is uncountable, the quantifier (carton) makes this noun countable. Much is only used for uncountable nouns.

CORRECTION

How many cartons of milk should I buy at the shops?

8. I think the richest people in the world earn **so** much money.
It's not equal and the taxes they pay are so small.

EXPLANATION

So is used to say "very" with much or many. Here, you want to express negatively that the quantity is unnecessarily large.

CORRECTION

I think the richest people in the world earn too much money. It's not equal and the taxes they pay are so small.

9. How **many his** friends have you met?

EXPLANATION

Friends is preceded by the possessive adjective, his. This means that of must follow many.

CORRECTION

How many of his friends have you met?

10. There are so **much** problems in this world!

EXPLANATION

Much is used for uncountable nouns only. Problems are plural and countable nouns.

CORRECTION

There are so many problems in this world.