

Quantifiers: *Who Makes the World Go Round?*

Directions for the teacher:

Step 1 – Write this proverb on the board: *It takes all kinds to make the world go round.* As a class, discuss its meaning.

Step 2 – Explain that students will be writing statements about different groups of people and tendencies within those groups. To do so, they will be using quantifiers. They need to recall which can be used with count nouns, noncount nouns, or both. As a class, complete this sorting task: Draw three columns on the board for the three types of quantifiers. Call out one quantifier at a time and have students identify the group the quantifier belongs to. Possible list:

Used with count nouns	Used with noncount nouns	Used with both
Several	A great deal of	Some
(A) Few	(Too) Much	A lot of
(Too) Many	(A) Little	No
A good number of	A bit of	All
A couple of		Most (of the)
Dozens of		

Step 3 – Give each student the handout below. You may have students work in pairs or small groups. Members of a group must all agree on a single statement and write it on their copies.

Step 4 – As a whole class, go through each sentence completion and discuss the various ideas. Encourage agreement and disagreement to be voiced.

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1. Most women like to hear that _____.
2. Movie stars spend too much money on _____.
3. Some politicians _____.
4. A good number of college students _____.
5. Most of the time teachers _____.
6. You can always find a couple of people at a party who _____
_____.
7. Many husbands tend to _____.
8. You'll find dozens of city residents who complain about _____
_____.
9. A lot of parents worry _____.
10. No sane person would agree to _____.
11. Teenagers today spend a great deal of their time _____.
12. All people need a little _____.
13. Several professional athletes are well-known for _____.
14. _____ is one person who could use a bit of humor in his/ her life.

New words?

Tend to do something

= likely to do something

Sane (adj.)

= Having a normal, reasonable way of thinking (not crazy)

Resident (noun) = one who lives in a particular place

Humor (noun)

= the quality that makes something funny

Definitions based on the Longman Dictionary of American English.