

Quantitative Adjectives

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WHAT'S COVERED

In this lesson, you will learn about the purpose of quantitative adjectives in the Spanish language, and how they function grammatically. Specifically, this lesson will cover:

1. Los Adjetivos de Cantidad (Quantitative Adjectives)
 - a. Numbers
 - b. Mucho and Poco

1. Los Adjetivos de Cantidad (Quantitative Adjectives)

In Spanish, adjectives of quantity, or amount, always come before nouns.

1a. Numbers

The most obvious are numbers: **dos** amigos, **tres** amigos, **cuatro** amigos, **cinco** amigos, etc. Numbers just have one form.

🔗 **EXAMPLE** There is only "cinco" (five); there is no such thing as "cinca," "cincos," or "cincas."

The only number that does change forms is the number "one," which we'll discuss later.

1b. Mucho and Poco

The most common adjectives of quantity that are not numbers are the words **mucho** and **poco**. The singular form of "mucho/mucha," means "much of" or "a lot of," while the singular form of "poco/poca" means "a little of." When they are in their plural forms, "muchos/muchas" means "many" and "pocos/pocas" means "few."

Note that the masculine plural forms can also refer to a mixed gender group.

🔗 **EXAMPLE** "Muchos amigos" can refer to a group of male and female friends.

Spanish Adjective and Noun	Number	Gender	English Translation
mucho dinero	singular	masculine	much money
mucha comida	singular	feminine	a lot of food

poco dinero	singular	masculine	a little money
poca comida	singular	feminine	a little food
muchos amigos	plural	masculine	many male friends
muchas amigas	plural	feminine	many female friends
pocos amigos	plural	masculine	few male friends
pocas amigas	plural	feminine	few female friends



SUMMARY

In this lesson, you learned about **quantitative adjectives** in the Spanish language. These adjectives come before nouns and are used to describe an amount of something. The most common quantitative adjectives are **numbers** and the words **mucho** and **poco** (a lot of and a little of).

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