

Language focus

Expressions of quantity

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

1 Underline the words that can go with the expressions of quantity.

a few ... difficulties / profit / failures / research
 not many ... problems / trouble / advice / plans
 several ... times / emails / news / people

very little ... time / room / confidence / people
 not much ... unemployment / jobs / work / success
 a bit of ... luck / fun / problem / difficulty

a lot of ... enthusiasm / energy / children / girls
 enough ... eggs / food / knives / cutlery
 hardly any ... money / experience / problems / friends

2 What do you notice about the three groups of quantifiers?

The sky's not the limit!

1 **Elon Musk** is a well-known entrepreneur and inventor. What do you know about him? What do the photos tell you about his activities?

2 Read the text. How would you describe his character?

3 Complete the questions about Elon. Take turns to ask and answer them with a partner.

1 How _____ is known about his early life?
 What was it like?

How much is known about his early life?

Little information is known about it.

What was it like?

It ...

2 How _____ discipline was there in his childhood?
 Who did it come from?

3 How _____ did he live in South Africa?
 Why did he leave?

4 How _____ days did he spend doing a PhD?
 Why did he drop out?

5 How _____ did it take him to become successful?
 Which companies did he found?

6 How _____ money did he make from *Zip2* and *PayPal*?
 What did he do with the money?

7 How _____ seconds does a Tesla Roadster take to go from 0–60 mph?
 Where did one of the cars go in 2018?

8 How _____ companies does he currently have?
 Why is the name of his tunnelling company funny?

