

Beware of using **a lot** or **lots** too often in your writing as your readers may find it boring. Try out some of the following synonyms instead:

a lot

abundance
glut
good deal

great number
large amount
profusion

wealth

lots

countless
many

numerous
plenty

several

you can use these synonyms when you speak, but not when you write!

dozens
heaps
hundreds
loads

masses
millions
oodles
piles

stacks
thousands
tons



Instead of repeating **a lot** or **lots** in the following passage, you might use some of the synonyms suggested opposite.

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large number

“A ~~lot~~ of people will be attending the school open day,”
announced the headteacher, “and ^{*many*} ~~lots~~ of those people
will be important, so I want everyone to help make the
school look its best.”

“That will take a ^{*good deal*} ~~lot~~ of work,” thought the caretaker,
“and we will need ^{*plenty*} ~~lots~~ of time too.”

“So let’s get busy,” exclaimed the head, “there’s a ^{*great deal*} ~~lot~~ to
be done!”

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