



Hugo's in the laundry. He's got lots of dirty clothes.

He puts them into the washing machine. Now he must add some washing powder.

„How much of it do we use?“ Hugo asks himself.

He can't find any hints on the box.

His shirts, jeans, pants and socks are very dirty.

„I must take enough of this powder“, he thinks.

„Oh no, not so much“, Hugo's little friend shouts. „You're crazy. The machine will blow up.“ Hugo presses the start button. There is a loud rumble.

Then white foam comes out of the machine. More and more foam comes out of the machine.

The foam looks like snow. Lots of snow. It's an avalanche. It flushes the furniture away. As well as Hugo and Ratty.

**laundry:** room in the house for washing  
**hint:** instruction  
**enough:** as much as necessary  
**crazy:** mad  
**blow up:** explode

**button:** knob  
**foam:** a substance that is formed by pockets of gas in a liquid  
**rumble:** roar, thunder  
**avalanche:** mass of snow or rocks

**to flush away:** clean with a rush of water  
**furniture:** the heavy movable objects in an apartment

### Look at these sentences:

How...*many*...socks are there? (*countable*)

How...*much*...powder do we need? (*uncountable*)

### Now fill in the gaps:

I told you ..... times: Don't use so ..... powder. .... objects are floating on the foam. ....of them will be damaged. There is ..... foam everywhere. It will take ..... hours of hard work to clean the house. There is ..... noise in the laundry. There were ..... avalanches in the Swiss Alps last winter.