

Size, quantity & dimension

1 Look at the following list and decide whether we are talking about something *big* (in terms of size, quantity or dimension) or something *small*. Underline your answers

1. a *minute* amount of dust Big / Small
2. a *minuscule* piece of cloth Big / Small
3. an *enormous* book Big / Small
4. a *mammoth* job Big / Small
5. a *huge* waste of time Big / Small
6. a *vast* room Big / Small
7. a *gigantic* wave Big / Small
8. a *tiny* car Big / Small
9. a *monumental* error Big / Small
10. a *colossal* statue Big / Small
11. *plenty* of food Big / Small
12. *loads* of times Big / Small
13. a *narrow* alleyway Big / Small
14. a *giant* building Big / Small
15. a *gargantuan* meal Big / Small
16. a *wide* avenue Big / Small
17. a *broad* river Big / Small
18. a *tall* man Big / Small
19. a *high* mountain Big / Small
20. a *deep* lake Big / Small
21. a *shallow* pool Big / Small
22. a *long-distance* journey Big / Small
23. a *vast* crowd of supporters Big / Small
24. *tons* of work Big / Small
25. a *great deal of* time Big / Small

2 Now complete these sentences using one of the expressions above. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

1. Before you embark on , it is essential that you are well prepared.
2. We spent working on the plans for the new library.
3. I love the Museum of Modern Art, and have been there
4. There's a small grey spot in the corner of all my photographs, so I guess must have got into the camera and ended up on the sensor.
5. Villages along the coast were destroyed when caused by the earthquake swept houses into the sea.
6. In my opinion, playing computer games for hours on end is
7. of the Greek god Poseidon stood by the entrance to the harbour.

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8. Despite the poor harvest, there was for the whole population.
9. called the Thames separates the city of London from the suburbs to the south.
10. gathered to see their favourite football team.
11. We ate and then lay down to rest.
12. The most impressive place in the building is called the Great Hall, which can hold over 3,000 people.
13. We have to do in the next few days, so I suggest we start as soon as possible.
14. Loch Ness is in the Highlands of Scotland.
15. The only evidence of the crime was which was stuck on a branch of one of the trees in the garden.
16. 'Sumo' is containing almost 1,000 pictures by the controversial photographer Helmut Newton.
17. I had to do, so took the phone off the hook, made myself some coffee and sat down at my desk.
18. The Matterhorn, in Switzerland, has claimed the lives of many who have tried to climb it.
19. He made in his calculations and had to start all over again.
20. The manufacturers have built which is ideal for getting around the city.
21. The NEC in Birmingham is which is used for concerts and exhibitions.
22. The main feature of the town is lined with shops and cafés.
23. I could see the key glittering at the bottom of
24. Early European settlers in Central and South America heard legends of called El Dorado who covered himself in gold dust.
25. ran along the side of the house to a garden at the rear.