

This is great! There aren't any cars ahead of us today.

I've only got a little fuel left so we need to stop soon.

There are only one or two cars on this side of the road.



There are a lot of cars on the road today.

There's too much traffic today.

Luckily I've got plenty of time before our next meeting!

### Presentation

Use quantifiers to talk about different amounts and quantities.

#### Larger quantities

Use *a lot of*, *lots of*, *loads of* and *plenty of* with uncountable and plural nouns.

There are **a lot of** cars on the road today.

I've got **plenty of** time. (= more than enough time)

Note that *plenty* is always used with a positive meaning.

Use *too much* with uncountable nouns and *too many* with countable nouns to say there is more than we want:

There's **too much** traffic today.

There are **too many** cars.

#### Smaller quantities

Use *several*, *one or two*, *a couple*, *a few* and *not many* with plural nouns. (*Several* refers to a larger quantity than *one or two*, etc.)

I've only got **a little** fuel left, so we need to stop soon.

There are only **one or two** cars ahead.

Use *a little* and *not much* with uncountable nouns.

I've only got **a little** fuel left.

I haven't got **much** fuel left.

#### Some

Use *some* to talk about neutral, non-specific quantities with uncountable and plural nouns:

I need **some** more fuel. There are **some** service stations ahead.

#### Zero quantity

Use *not any* with plural and uncountable nouns to talk about zero quantity:

There **aren't any** other cars today.

I **don't have any** fuel.

#### Questions about quantity

Use *much* or *many* to ask about quantities:

Were there **many** cars on the road today?

Was there **much** traffic?

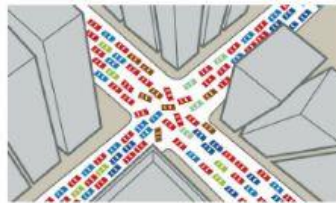
## Exercises

## 1 Complete the sentences about the pictures using the words in the box.

too much   any   plenty   few   many   several



- 1 Would you like any more to eat? There's still \_\_\_\_\_ of food left.



- 2 There are too \_\_\_\_\_ cars on the road these days.



- 3 A: Is that OK?  
B: No, that's \_\_\_\_\_ actually.



- 4 The match was cancelled because there were too \_\_\_\_\_ players.



- 5 A: Why are you stopping at the garage?  
B: We don't have \_\_\_\_\_ petrol left.



- 6 I've still got \_\_\_\_\_ jobs to do before I can play with the children.

## 2 Choose the correct option.

- I don't have much / many fuel left. Let's stop at a garage.
- We have a few / a little sandwiches for lunch.
- There are plenty of / several buses to the city centre. One leaves every five minutes.
- I don't have much / many stamps. Let's buy some / any more.
- I've got too much / too many food on my plate. Do you want some?
- The supermarket didn't have any / some bananas.
- I only want a little / too much milk in my coffee.
- A lot of / A few companies are based in this part of the city. It's very popular because of the location.
- It was very quiet at the park. We only saw one or two / loads of other people.
- Were there much / many cars on the road today?

## 3 Rewrite the sentences so the meaning is the same, using the word in bold.

- There are a lot of new houses in this area. **loads**  
There are loads of new houses in this area.
- I've only been to the new shopping mall one or two times. **couple**  
I've only been to the new shopping mall \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- There aren't many biscuits in the tin. **few**  
There \_\_\_\_\_ biscuits in the tin.
- They have no electricity. **any**  
They \_\_\_\_\_ electricity.
- You have more than enough money in your wallet. **plenty**  
You have \_\_\_\_\_ money in your wallet.
- Were there lots of tourists at the beach? **many**  
Were there \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach?