

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?*

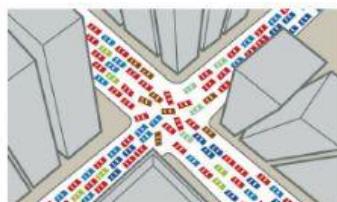
## Exercises

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?