Moving to a megacity

VOCABULARY REVIEW

Urban problems

Which urban problems do you see in the pictures? Choose from the box below.

crowds	graffiti	noise
pollution	smoke	traffic
trash	a lot of concrete	

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GRAMMAR REVIEW

Quantifiers

Use the phrases to describe good and bad things in your city.

1 There are **several**...

2 There's **so much**...

3 There are **a lot of**...

4 There are **very few**...

5 There's / There are **almost no**...



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Quantifier	Use	Meaning	Examples
Several	Countable nouns (plural)	More than two, but not many	"**Several** students came to class."
So much	Uncountable nouns (singular)	A large quantity (often used in negative or surprised situations)	"There is **so much** water in the river today."
A lot of	Countable (plural) and Uncountable nouns	A large quantity (neutral)	"We have **a lot of** books to read." / "She has **a lot of** time to study."
Very few	Countable nouns (plural)	A small number, less than expected	"**Very few** people attended the meeting."
Almost no	Countable (plural) and Uncountable nouns	Nearly none, very close to zero	"There are **almost no** cars on the road." / "She has **almost no** money left."

READING

A blog about a megacity

Read Dan's blog post about a megacity.

L.A. Update!

I've been in my new city for two weeks now. Living in Los Angeles has been a really big change. Here are some things I never had to worry about in Alaska:

Pollution: There's so much traffic, and it makes the air so dirty. Plus, there's smoke in the air from factories. And since I arrived, there's been almost no wind, so the air is never really clean.

Concrete: Sometimes I see a few trees and a little grass here and there, but almost all of the land between buildings is concrete. Sometimes there is graffiti on the buildings, too, which I don't like.

Noise: I expected a lot of noise during the day, but I'm really surprised how much noise there is at night. In Alaska, there's almost none. Here, I wake up several times a night.

Crowds: L.A. is a megacity (more than 10 million people). Because it's so crowded, there's very little space. But I love living close to so many people. There's stuff happening all the time.

Heat: It's a lot hotter here than in Alaska. I actually like that – but I need to buy some cooler clothes!



What doesn't he like about Los Angeles?

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