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## Size, quantity & dimension

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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

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

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

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- Before you embark on ....., it is essential that you are well prepared.
- We spent ..... working on the plans for the new library.
- I love the Museum of Modern Art, and have been there .....
- 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.
- Villages along the coast were destroyed when ..... caused by the earthquake swept houses into the sea.
- In my opinion, playing computer games for hours on end is .....
- ..... 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.