

# 2 Problems Our World Is Facing

Determiners – very little / very few / not enough

Date:

Grade:

There are **very few** books in the village school. The children there are so poor.

I have many books. I can donate some to them!

They don't have **enough** toys either. Would you donate your toys as well?

Can I just donate one?

Oh, really?



## Grammar Explained

- a) We use **'very little'** and **'very few'** to show that there is nearly none of something. They carry negative meanings. We use **'very little'** with uncountable nouns and **'very few'** with countable nouns.

There is **very little** water. (U)

There are **very few** chairs. (C)

(C) = countable noun

(U) = uncountable noun

- b) We use **'not enough'** to show that the amount of something is less than we need. We can use **'not enough'** with both countable and uncountable nouns.

There is **not enough** milk. (U)

There are **not enough** tents. (C)

We do **not** have **enough** blankets.



## Helpful Tips

We use the plural form of countable nouns after **'very few'** and **'not enough'**.

- ✗ There is **not enough pencil**.      ✓ There are **not enough pencils**.
- ✗ We have **very few egg**.      ✓ We have **very few eggs**.

**A** Connie is reading a leaflet about some poor animals. Look at the pictures and circle the correct answers.

### Do You Know How Stray Cats and Dogs Feel?



We have **1** very little / very few places to hide in bad weather.



There is **2** very little / very few clean water for us to drink.



We can find **3** very little / very few food to eat.



**4** Very little / Very few of us are healthy.



There are **5** very little / very few people who play with us.



We feel **6** very little / very few love around us.

**B** Mr Kim is talking to Mrs Kim in a restaurant. Fill in the blanks with 'very little', 'very few' or 'not enough'.

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ people in the restaurant so it is very quiet.
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ tables and chairs as well.
- Cody is still hungry because he does \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ food.
- Connie doesn't like the tea because there is \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in it.
- There is \_\_\_\_\_ juice on the table. Do you think it is enough?
- By the way, there is \_\_\_\_\_ meat in our fridge. We need to buy some.
- Let's pay the bill now or we will \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ time to go to the supermarket.





**C** Mr Kim is talking to Cody about the environment. Complete their conversation with the help of the given words.

very little    very few    not enough

air pollution    birds    fresh air    money    people    trees

Mr Kim : There are **e.g.** \_\_\_\_\_ very few people \_\_\_\_\_ who care about the environment. Years ago, there used to be a lot of trees in some forests. Now, **1** \_\_\_\_\_ are left. Selfish people cut many of them down for money.

Cody : I'm so sad to hear that. Without trees, **2** \_\_\_\_\_ can live in the forests. Also, trees produce oxygen. Without them, there will be  **3** \_\_\_\_\_.

Mr Kim : You're right! People used to enjoy more fresh air in the past. Many people did **4** \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a car then, so there was  **5** \_\_\_\_\_ from traffic.



Cody : Dad, what can we do to help?



## Proofreading



**D** Underline the mistakes in the numbered lines and write the correct answers on the lines.

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| 1. Sam, we do no have enough food for tomorrow's         | 1. _____   |
| 2. breakfast. There are very little noodles. Also, there | 2. _____   |
| 3. are not enough egg to make an omelette. We don't      |  3. _____ |
| 4. have enough milks or cream to make milk tea either.   | 4. _____   |
| 5. We only have very few bread left at home. There is    | 5. _____   |
| 6. little enough time for me to go to the supermarket    |  6. _____ |
| after work. Can you help me?                             |  |



# Daily Life Grammar



**E** Cody is giving a presentation in the hall. Complete his presentation with the given words.

very little    very few    not enough

*Good morning teachers and my fellow students,*

*I want to talk about an important topic today. Sichuan suffered from an earthquake last week. Many people were hurt because they did*

① \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ time to escape or hide. Many houses and water pipes were damaged during the earthquake. Now,

 ② \_\_\_\_\_ houses are left. There is ③ \_\_\_\_\_ drinking water. There is also ④ \_\_\_\_\_ food in the villages. There are

⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ beds in the hospital and ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ doctors to treat the victims. Injured people have to suffer in pain because there is

⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ medicine.

*Let's give a helping hand! Each of us may do a little work but it can already help the people in need. There is a charity booth in the school playground. We can donate things there. So far, we have only collected*

 ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ clothing items. There is only ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_

canned food for donation. We do ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_

tents or blankets. We do ⑪ \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ helpers

either. We need more students to join us. You can help. Donate today.

*Thank you.*

