

3.5 Grammar

Quantifiers

I can use a range of different quantifiers correctly.

- In pairs, take turns to describe your bedroom. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = extremely tidy and 10 = extremely untidy), what score is your bedroom?
- CD-1.51 MP3-51** Read and listen to Part 1 of a vlog post. Why does the vlogger want to tidy her room?

Welcome, fellow teens, to my video blog. Today's vlog is called 'How to tidy your room in ten minutes!' I'm sure **all of you** know what I'm talking about – your room's a total nightmare. It looks as if a bomb has exploded. There's **loads of dirty washing** – in fact, the whole floor is covered. There's **no space** anywhere. You have **plenty of clothes** but you don't wear half of them because you can't find them. **Most of them** are in a pile because there are not enough drawers to put them in. You've had **a number of opportunities** to tidy your room but you haven't, and now the very cool new friend you like is coming round. **Very few of your friends** know what a slob you are and you want to keep it like that. You don't have **much time**, so here are **a few speed-cleaning tips**.



- Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Then match the examples in blue in the vlog post with rules 1–3.

all of you = rule 2

GRAMMAR FOCUS

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You can use a wide range of different expressions to talk about quantity:

	Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns	Both
100%	every, each		all
			most
	many	much, a great deal of*	a lot of*, lots of*, loads of*, plenty of*
	a number of*, several		some
	a few	a little	
	(very) few	(very) little	
	both, a couple of*, either		
0%	neither		no, none of*

- Use quantifiers without of before nouns: **most people**
- Use quantifiers with of before determiner + noun: **most of the people**, and before pronouns: **most of them**
- * Always use these quantifiers with of: **a lot of people**

Note: All the people and all of the people are both possible. You can't use of after no and every. Use none of and every one of.

- CD-1.52 MP3-52** Read Part 2 of the vlog post and choose the correct options. Then listen and check.

- Find a laundry basket and put ¹all / each the clothes on the floor into it. Too ²much / many clothes? OK, get ³a couple / a few of bin bags and put the rest in there. Then hide ⁴both / either of the bags in the wardrobe. If the cool friend sees ⁵plenty / either of the bags, just say it's ⁶a few / few things you're collecting for charity.
- The whole place smells of snacks, so take ⁷every / some half empty drink and stale half-eaten crisp packet to the kitchen immediately. There's a big difference between messy and disgusting.
- There are ⁸a number / several of things that would give the wrong impression – things like your huge pink teddy bear. Hide them.
- Make the bed. There's ⁹no / any excuse for an unmade bed.
- Open ¹⁰plenty / all the windows – now!

You're ready! Just one more thing: – check your computer and delete any messages that say something like, 'OMG, I'm so excited! I can't believe X is coming over!'

- Complete the sentences with of where necessary. Tick the sentences that are true for you. Then add other quantifiers to the rest of the sentences to make them true for you.
 - A couple _____ my friends are quite tidy.
 - Some _____ classmates are very untidy.
 - Several _____ people I know share a bedroom.
 - Very few _____ my neighbours have big gardens.
 - Many _____ the buildings in my street are old.
 - Every _____ room in my house has wi-fi.
 - None _____ my friends have a TV in their room.
 - Most _____ rooms in my house have paintings on the walls.
- Write three sentences about yourself – two true and one false. Use a different word from the box in each sentence.

[all couple every little loads
lots most none plenty]

All of my music is on my phone.

- In pairs, take turns to read your sentences from Exercise 6 to your partner. Can he/she guess which one is false?