

A

all some any most much many (a) little (a) few no

You can use these words with a noun (**some food** / **few books** etc.):

- ☐ **All cars** have wheels.
- ☐ **Some cars** can go faster than others.
- ☐ **Many people** drive too fast.
- ☐ I go away **most weekends**.
- ☐ I feel really tired. I've got **no energy**.

We do not say 'all of cars', 'some of people' etc. (see Section B):

- ☐ **Some people** learn more easily than others. (*not* Some of people)

B

all half some any most much many (a) little (a) few none

You can use these words with **of** (**some of** / **most of** etc.):

some of
most of
none of etc.

+

the ... **my ...**
this ... **these ...**
that ... **those ...** etc.

So you can say:

some **of the people**, some **of those people** (*but not* some of people)
most **of my time**, most **of the time** (*but not* most of time)

- ☐ **Some of the people I work with** are very strange.
- ☐ **None of this money** is mine.
- ☐ Have you read **any of these books**?
- ☐ I was ill yesterday. I spent **most of the day** in bed.

You don't need **of** after **all** or **half**. So you can say:

- ☐ **All my friends** live near here. *or* All **of** my friends ...
- ☐ **Half this money** is mine. *or* Half **of** this money ...

Compare:

- ☐ **All flowers** are beautiful. (= all flowers in general)
- ☐ **All (of) these flowers** are beautiful. (= a specific group of flowers)
- ☐ **Most problems** have a solution. (= most problems in general)
- We were able to solve **most of the problems we had**. (= a specific group of problems)

C

You can use **all of** / **some of** / **none of** etc. + **it/us/you/them**:

all of
some of
any of
most of
none of
etc.

+

it
us
you
them

- ☐ A: Do you like this music?
B: **Some of it**. Not **all of it**.
- ☐ A: How many of these people do you know?
B: **None of them**. / **A few of them**.
- ☐ Do **any of you** want to come to a party tonight?
(*said to more than 2 people*)

We say: **all of us** / **all of you** / **half of it** / **half of them** etc. You need **of** before **it/us/you/them**:

- ☐ **All of us** were late. (*not* all us)
- ☐ I haven't finished the book yet. I've only read **half of it**. (*not* half it)

D

We also use **some/most** etc. alone, *without* a noun:

- ☐ Some cars have four doors and **some** have two.
- ☐ A few of the shops were open, but **most** (of them) were closed.
- ☐ Half this money is mine, and **half** (of it) is yours. (*not* the half)

Exercises

88.1 Put in *of* where necessary. Leave the space empty if the sentence is already complete.

- All - cars have wheels. (*the sentence is already complete*)
- None of this money is mine.
- There were problems at the airport and some flights were cancelled.
- Some the films I've seen recently have been very violent.
- Joe never goes to museums. He says that all museums are boring.
- I think some people watch too much TV.
- Do you want any these magazines or can I throw them away?
- Kate has lived in London most her life.
- Joe has lived in Chicago all his life.
- Most days I get up before 7 o'clock.
- I usually have a little sugar in my coffee.
- They won the lottery a few years ago, but they've spent most the money.

88.2 Choose from the list and complete the sentences. Use *of* (*some of* / *most of* etc.) where necessary.

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|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| accidents | European countries | my dinner | the players |
| birds | her friends | my spare time | the population |
| cars | her opinions | the buildings | these books |

- I haven't read many of these books.
- All cars have wheels.
- I spend much gardening.
- Many are caused by bad driving.
- It's a historic town. Many are over 400 years old.
- When Emily got married, she kept it a secret. She didn't tell any
- Not many people live in the north of the country. Most live in the south.
- Not all can fly. For example, the penguin can't fly.
- Our team played badly and lost the game. None played well.
- Emma and I have different ideas. I don't agree with many
- Sarah travels a lot in Europe. She has been to most
- I had no appetite. I could only eat half

88.3 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- The building was damaged in the explosion. All the windows were broken.
- We argue sometimes, but get on well most of
- I went to the cinema by myself. None of wanted to come.
- The test was hard. I could only answer half
- Some of you took at the wedding were really good.
- 'Did you spend all I gave you?' 'No, there's some left.'

88.4 Complete the sentences. Use:

all of / some of / none of + it/them/us (all of it / some of them etc.)

- These books are all Sarah's. None of them belong to me.
- 'How many of these books have you read?' '..... Every one.'
- We all got wet in the rain because had an umbrella.
- Some of this money is yours and is mine.
- Many of my friends have travelled a lot, but has ever been to Africa.
- Not all the tourists in the group were Spanish. were French.
- I watched most of the film, but not
- He told us his life story, but was true. It was all invented.