



## GRAMMAR PRACTICE

# Advanced Quantifiers in Environmental Issues

Environment and Conservation | a number of, a great deal of, hardly any | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

## 1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner. You may already use this grammar without noticing it.

No.	Question
1	How can you say 'many people' in a more formal way?
2	What environmental problem causes a great deal of damage?
3	Where is there hardly any green space in some cities?
4	Why are quantifiers useful in reports?

## 2. Grammar in context

Read the text. The bold phrases show the grammar used in a natural topic context.

### Describing Environmental Scale

**A number of** cities have introduced recycling schemes to reduce waste. These programmes can save **a great deal of** energy if people use them properly.

In some urban areas, there is **hardly any** green space, so residents have fewer places to exercise or relax. Several communities are now creating small gardens on unused land.

Climate change affects **a large amount of** farmland, especially in areas with extreme weather. **A number of** charities are supporting farmers with new equipment and advice.

## 3. Notice the pattern

Use advanced quantifiers to describe amount and scale more precisely in formal writing.

Use	Form / signal	Example
A number of	plural countable noun	A number of cities have introduced recycling.
A great deal of	uncountable noun	It saves a great deal of energy.
Hardly any	very little/few	There is hardly any green space.
A large amount of	uncountable noun	Climate change affects a large amount of farmland.

## 4. Build accurate sentences

Complete each sentence using the grammar focus. Then write two examples of your own.

No.	Prompt	Use	Your answer
1	/ cities have introduced recycling schemes.	A number of	
2	Recycling can save / energy.	a great deal of	
3	There is / green space in some areas.	hardly any	
4	Flooding affects / farmland.	a large amount of	

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 5. Use it in exam answers

Complete the tasks using the grammar focus naturally.

Task	What to do
Speaking	Discuss the scale of environmental problems using advanced quantifiers.
Writing	Write a report paragraph about an environmental issue using at least four quantifiers.
Reading	Underline advanced quantifiers in the context text and identify the noun after each one.

## 6. Common mistakes

Correct the mistakes.

No.	Mistake	Your correction
1	A number of city has recycling schemes.	
2	It saves a great deal of resources.	
3	There are hardly any green space.	
4	Flooding affects a large amount of farms.	

## 7. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

1. Do cities have enough green space?
2. Which environmental problem causes a great deal of damage?
3. How can schools reduce a large amount of waste?
4. Why do reports need precise language about quantity?

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## 4. Build accurate sentences

1. A number of cities have introduced recycling schemes.
2. Recycling can save a great deal of energy.
3. There is hardly any green space in some areas.
4. Flooding affects a large amount of farmland.

Own answers will vary. Check that the grammar focus is accurate and natural.

## 6. Common mistakes

1. A number of cities have recycling schemes.
2. It saves a great deal of energy. / It saves a number of resources.
3. There is hardly any green space.
4. Flooding affects a large number of farms. / a large amount of farmland.

## Notes for checking

1. A number of: plural countable noun - A number of cities have introduced recycling.
2. A great deal of: uncountable noun - It saves a great deal of energy.
3. Hardly any: very little/few - There is hardly any green space.
4. A large amount of: uncountable noun - Climate change affects a large amount of farmland.