

# All / all of, most / most of, no / none of, etc.

all most some any much/many little/few

**A** You can use the words in the box (and also **no**) with a noun (some food / few books, etc.):

- All cars have wheels.
- I don't go out very often. I stay home **most days**.
- **Some cars** can go faster than others.
- **Many people** drive too fast.
- (on a sign) **NO CARS** (= no cars allowed)

You cannot say "all of cars," "most of people," etc. (see also Section B):

- **Some people** are very unfriendly. (*not* some of people)

Note that we say **most** (*not* the most):

- **Most tourists** don't visit this part of town. (*not* the most tourists)

**B** Some of ... / most of ... / none of ..., etc.

You can use the words in the box (also **none** and **half**) with **of**. We use **some of / most of / none of, etc.**, + **the/this/that/these/those/my, etc.** For example:

- **Some of the people** I work with are very friendly.
- **None of this money** is mine.
- Have you read **any of these books**?
- I was sick 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 in Los Angeles.    *or*    **All of my friends** ...
- **Half this money** is mine.                    *or*    **Half of this money** ...

Compare these sentences:

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

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

- "How many of these people do you know?" "None of them." / "A few of them."
- Do any of you want to come to a party tonight?
- "Do you like this music?" "Some of it. Not all of it."

Before **it/us/you/them** you need **of** after **all** and **half** (**all of, half of**):

**all of us** (*not* all us)    **half of them** (*not* half them)

**D** You can use the words in the box (and also **none**) 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 (of) this money is mine, and **half** (of it) is yours. (*not* the half)

# Exercises

85.1 Put in *of* where necessary. Leave an empty space (-) if the sentence is already complete.

- All — cars have wheels.
- None of this money is mine.
- Some — movies are very violent.
- Some — the movies 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 television.
- Are any — those letters for me?
- Maria has lived in New York most — her life.
- Jim has lived in Chicago all — his life.
- Most days I get up before 7 o'clock.

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

accidents	her friends	my dinner	the buildings
birds	her opinions	my spare time	the population
<del>cars</del>	large cities	my teammates	<del>these books</del>

- 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 she got married she kept it a secret. She didn't tell any — .
- Not many people live in the north of the country. Most — lives 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.
- Julia and I have very different ideas. I don't agree with many — .
- New York, like most — has a traffic problem.
- I had no appetite. I could only eat half — .

85.3 Use your own ideas to complete the sentences.

- The building was damaged in the explosion. All the the windows were broken.
- We had a relaxing vacation. We spent most of — on the beach.
- I went to the movies by myself. None of — wanted to come.
- The test was difficult. I could only answer half — .
- Some of — you took at the wedding were very good.
- "Have you spent all — I gave you?" "No there's still some left."

85.4 Complete the sentences. Use *all of* / *some of* / *none of* + *it/them/us* (*all of it* / *some of them*, etc.).

- These books are all Jane'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.
- I asked some people for directions, but — were able to help me.
- She invented the whole story from beginning to end. — was true.
- Not all the tourists in the group were American. — were Japanese.
- I watched most of the movie, but not — .