

Talking about problems and solutions with quantifiers

Choose one of the quantifiers on the right below and use it to explain a problem, listen to your partner's suggestion (perhaps also using words from below), and react to it.

Suggested topics	Suggested quantifiers for problems (and solutions)
Complaints	 a couple of
 Co-workers (= colleagues) 	● (only) a few
 English at work 	 (only) a little
 Getting a promotion 	 a lot of
 Improving your English 	● few
Information	• little
Meeting people	 lots of/ many
Meetings	● no
 Negotiations 	 not any
Networking	 not enough
• Office (furniture, building, space, local area, etc)	 not many
Overtime	 not much
Paperwork	 quite a lot
• Sales	 so many
Staffing/ HR	• so much
Finance/ Money	• some
Telephoning	• too few
• Travel	• too little
Work	 (much/ far/ slightly) too many
Work-life balance	• (much/ far/ slightly) too much

Which of the quantifiers above are (always or usually) negative?

What are the differences between these quantifiers?

- many/ so many
- so many/ too many
- too many/ too much
- too many/ much too many
- not many/ not enough
- a few/ few
- a little/ little