Quantifiers: With Of

FORM: • If you want to be very specific about what you are referring to, you need to use a definite determiner in front of the noun. This tells us exactly what you are talking about.

For example, the books, these books, his books.

• When we want to add a quantifier in front of these definite nouns, to indicate how much of something we are talking about, we have to put the word **of** in front of the definite determiner.

For example, any <u>of</u> the books, most <u>of</u> these books, few <u>of</u> his books.

• An exception is the quantifier **all**. We have a choice as to whether to use the word of with definite determiners.

For example, <u>all</u> the books, <u>all of</u> the books. These are both correct and they both mean the same thing.

• We cannot use *no* or *almost no* with definite determiners. We have to use *none* or *almost none*.

For example, "<u>none of</u> the books" NOT "no the books" and "<u>almost none of</u> the books" NOT "almost no of the books".

Decide if you need to put OF in the blanks, depending on whether the noun is specific (definite) or non-specific.

- We surveyed the class. All ______ the students want to go to Ottawa instead of Toronto.
- 2. I don't have much ______ the money left that I earned in the summer.
- 3. I don't have much _____ money left in my bank account.
- 4. Hardly any _____ Canadians have travelled to Canada's far north.
- 5. Hardly any ______ the Canadians I know have travelled to Canada's far north.
- 6. I spent most _____ my vacation on the beach.
- 7. Little ______ the time they spent in Canada was in the city.
- 8. They spent little _____ time in the city.
- 9. Few _____ the students want to go to the museum.