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1 Rearrange the following sentences:

1.	大多数 dàduōshù most	受到 shòudào received	的 de	他 tā he	欢迎 huānyíng welcome	人 rén people	
2.	来 lái come	了 le	人 rén people	许多 xǔduō many	生日会 shēngrìhuì birthday party		
3.	了 le	好多 hǎoduō many	买 mǎi buy	书 shū book	他 tā he		
4.	有 yǒu have	我 wǒ I	告诉 gàosù tell	事 shì thing	很多 hěnduō many	你 nǐ you	要 yào want

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2 Turn the following sentences into negative sentences.

1. 他喝了大量的水。
Tā hē le dàliàng de shuǐ.
He drank a lot of water.
2. 这里的饭馆很多。
Zhèlǐ de fànguǎn hěnduō.
There are many restaurants here.
3. 今天来的人不少。
Jīntiān lái de rén bùshǎo.
Many people came today.
4. 大多数人喜欢这里。
Dàduōshù rén xǐhuan zhèlǐ.
Most people like it here.

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- 3** Add captions for the following photos, using one of the following words. Each word can only be used once: 许许多多 (xǔxǔ duōduō, “many, many”), 好多好多 (hǎoduō hǎoduō, “many, many”), 大量 (dàliàng, “a large amount”).



1. many, many people



2. many, many books



3. a large amount of oranges

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1. 他受到大多数人的欢迎。
Tā shòudào dàduōshù rén de huānyíng.
He was welcomed by most people.
2. 生日会来了许多人。
Shēngrìhuì lái le xǔduō rén.
Many people came to the birthday party.
3. 他买了好多书。
Tā mǎi le hǎoduō shū.
He bought a lot of books.
4. 我有很多事要告诉你。
Wǒ yǒu hěnduō shì yào gàosù nǐ.
I have many things that I want to tell you.

2

1. 他喝了少量的水。
Tā hē le shǎoliàng de shuǐ.
He drank a small amount of water.
2. 这里的饭馆不多。
Zhèlǐ de fànguǎn bù duō.
There are not many restaurants here.
3. 今天来的人少。
Jīntiān lái de rén shǎo.
Few people came today.
4. 少数人喜欢这里。
Shǎoshù rén xǐhuan zhèlǐ.
Few people like it here.

3

1. 照片上有许许多多/很多很多/好多好多人。
Zhàopiàn shàng yǒu xǔxǔ duōduō/hěnduō hěnduō/hǎoduō hǎoduō de rén.
There are many, many people in the photo.
2. 照片上有许许多多/很多很多/好多好多的书。
Zhàopiàn shàng yǒu xǔxǔ duōduō/hěnduō hěnduō/hǎoduō hǎoduō de shū.
There are many, many books in the photo.
3. 照片上有大量的橙子。
Zhàopiàn shàng yǒu dàliàng de chéngzi.
There is a large number of oranges in the photo.

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