shortage Apresyan (En-Ru)

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нехватка, недостаток дефицит, недостача

shortage of food [of goods, of weapons] - нехватка /недостаток/ продовольствия [товаров, оружия]

shortage in weight - ком. недовес

a shortage of 100 tons - недостача в 100 тонн

food shortages - a) перебои в снабжении продовольствием; б) нехватка продовольствия

## shortage

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

short-age [shortage shortages] BrE ['[outude NAme ['[ourtude ]

countable, uncountable

a situation when there is not enough of the people or things that are needed

- food/housing/water shortages
- · a shortage of funds
- There is no shortage of (= there are plenty of) things to do in the town.

#### Example Bank:

- · Industry is facing a serious labour shortage.
- · Lives are being put at risk because of staff shortages.
- The energy shortages were exacerbated by the severe winter.
- The recent heavy rains have helped to ease the water shortage.
- Their economy continued to suffer shortages in raw materials.
- · a desperate shortage of food
- a looming housing shortage in the city
- · a shortage of organ donors
- the current acute shortage of teachers
- · the world shortage of coffee
- There is no shortage of things to do in the town.

## shortage

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

noun [uncountable and countable] shortage /'soltod\$'solr+ BrE AmE \*

[Word Family: noun: †short, †shortage, †shortness, shorts, †shorty; verb †shorten, †short; adverb †short, †shortly; adjective:

a situation in which there is not enough of something that people need SYN lack

#### shortage of

- a shortage of skilled labour
- There is no shortage of funds.

# **COLLOCATIONS**

## ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + shortage

- a severe/serious shortage There is a serious shortage of food in some areas.
- an acute shortage (=very bad) They were suffering because of an acute shortage of doctors and nurses.
- a desperate/dire shortage (=very serious and worrying) There is a desperate shortage of fresh water in the disaster area.
- a chronic shortage (=very bad and existing for a long time) There is a chronic shortage of housing in rural areas.
- a growing shortage (=one that is increasing) The United States is facing a growing shortage of information technology workers.
- a general shortage (=a shortage of lots of different kinds of things or people) There was a general shortage of skilled workers.
- a national/world shortage There is likely to be a world shortage of timber in the future.
- a water/food/housing etc shortage The water shortage was reaching crisis proportions.
- a labour/manpower shortage (=a shortage of people to do work) During the war, there was a severe labour shortage, so women began doing jobs they had never done before.
- a staff shortage (=a shortage of people to work at a particular business) The company blamed staff shortages for the delays.

### verbs

- create/cause a shortage Poor harvests could cause food shortages in the winter.
- lead to/result in a shortage The strike led to serious shortages of fuel in some areas.
- face a shortage (=be likely to suffer a shortage) The refugees face desperate shortages of food and water.
- ease a shortage (=make it less serious) Building more houses will ease the shortage of accommodation.

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