Complete the following sentences using **half** or **half of**. In some cases, either could be used.

**Hint**

We use **half** before a noun without a determiner. Both **half** and **half of** can be used before a noun with a determiner (e.g. articles, possessives and demonstratives).

**Half of** is not used in expressions of measurement and quantity.

Before a pronoun we use **half of**.

1. She spends ......................... her time sleeping.
   a) half  b) half of  c) either could be used here

2. ......................... my friends work in education.
   a) half  b) half of  c) either could be used here

3. I gave her ......................... the cheese pie because I wasn’t really hungry.
   a) half  b) half of  c) either could be used here

4. The nearest hospital is ......................... a mile from here.
   a) half  b) half of  c) either could be used here

5. She has eaten ......................... a loaf of bread.
   a) half  b) half of  c) either could be used here

6. ......................... us were against the project.
   a) half  b) half of  c) either could be used here

7. I have bought some chocolates. You can have ......................... them.
   a) half  b) half of  c) either could be used here

8. Could I have ......................... of potatoes?
   a) a half kilo  b) half a kilo  c) either could be used here
9. I absolutely loved ................................ of the film.

a) first half b) the first half c) either could be used here

Answers

1. She spends **half / half of** her time traveling.

2. **Half / half of** my friends work in education.

3. I gave her **half / half of** the cheese pie because I wasn’t really hungry.

4. The nearest hospital is **half** a mile from here.

5. She has eaten **half** a loaf of bread.

6. **Half of us** were against the project.

7. You can have **half of them**.

8. Could I have a **half kilo / half a kilo** of potatoes?

9. I absolutely loved the first **half of the film**.