Small, Short, Little

What is important here is the context that determines which one we use.

Small = used as an adjective and an adverb. Used to talk about the general physical size of something.

> Mice are **small**.
> This shirt is too **small** for me.
> That is a **small** house*.*

Short = an adjective and adverb, but also as a noun. Used for length (horizontal distance). Can also use be used with time, books, words/sentences, hair, and legs and for height (vertical distance) – especially with people, but sometimes also with buildings and trees:

> My journey to work is very **short**.
> This sentence is too long. You need to **shorten** it.
> My hair is too **short**.
> My dog is really **short**.

Little = an adjective, determiner and pronoun as well as an adverb. Often used with uncountable nouns (money, time, water, etc.). The word little is used to express some emotion or sometimes an idea of smallness:

> Her brother is a funny **little** man.
> I have **little** money.

Exercises - now let's try:

1. I have _____ time to finish my paper before the deadline.

2. I have _____ hair. It's much easier to manage in the morning.

3. My apartment is really _____.

4. When I am _____ of money, I take on extra projects to earn some more cash.

5. Rosy wants to have a _____ dog.

6. They don't live in a big house; it's very _____.

7. My _____ sister is really cute.

8. My jeans are too long. I need to _____ them.

9. My daily commute to work is very _____. I don't need much time.

10. I have just read a funny _____ book. I like _____ stories, as I don't have much time to read.