# **Less and Fewer**

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### Less

## Less

- Can be used as an adjective, adverb, and even a preposition
- A smaller amount, not as much

### **Fewer**

- Fewer
  - Mostly used as an adjective
  - A smaller number of, not as many

#### Count v. Noncount Nouns

- A count noun is a noun that can be expressed in the plural
  - E.g.: pigs, cats, seasons, students
- Likewise, a noncount noun is a noun that cannot be expressed in the plural
  - E.g.: milk, air, money, food

## When to use less or fewer?

- Less modifies noncount nouns:
  - He had less time to answer the question.
  - There was less food on her plate than before.
  - She passed the test with less difficulty than he.

## When to use less or fewer?

- Fewer modifies count nouns:
  - He had fewer questions to answer
  - She had fewer carrots on her plate than he.
  - There were fewer people in class today than yesterday.

#### To note:

- Less is also used with numbers when they're on their own or in talking about measurement or time
  - Three is less than seven.
  - Their party lasted less than an hour
  - The park is less than four miles away from my house.

## **Practice**

- 1. You have \_\_\_\_ than five seconds before I open that door.
- 2. I have \_\_\_\_ cats than dogs.
- 3. I spend \_\_\_\_ money, now that I have a kitchen.
- 4. She spends \_\_\_\_ time doing her job than she does criticizing.
- 5. I have \_\_\_\_ reasons to skip school now that I am an adult.

## **Kahoot**

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