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Hello everyone!

Today let's look at how we can use 'a little', 'a little of', 'a few' and 'a few of'.

We use 'a little' before uncountable nouns and we use 'a few' before plural countable nouns.

- I'd like a little milk.
- She bought a few apples.

We use 'a little of' or 'a few of' before pronouns. We use 'a little of' before singular pronouns (it / that / this) and we use 'a few of' before plural pronouns (them / those / these).

- Could you pass me a little of that?
- We need a few of them.

We can use both 'a little of' and 'a few of' before possessive pronouns (his, mine, yours, theirs) - it depends if the thing we're talking about is singular or plural.

- Please give me a little of yours (= your water).
- He took a few of theirs (= their books).

We use 'a little of' or 'a few of' before determiners (the, her, that) + noun.

- We need a little of the rice that you bought (we use 'little' because 'rice' is uncountable).
- He gave me a few of his pears (we use 'few' because 'pears' is plural).

We can use 'a little' and 'a few' alone if the meaning is clear. We CAN'T use 'a little of or 'a few of alone.

- Is there any coffee? Can I have a little? (NOT: a little of)
- These biscuits are delicious. Give the children a few. (NOT: a few of)

Let's review!

Choose a little, a few, a little of, a few of.

- 1. She drank ___ coffee.
- 2. 2. Those potatoes look delicious! Could I have ___?
- 3. 3. Please pass me __ those pens.