

A Little / Little / A Few / Few

A little: (for uncountable nouns)

- I have a little money left.
- There is a little milk in the fridge.
- She needs a little help with her homework.

Little: (for uncountable nouns, with a more negative meaning – not much)

- We have little time to waste.
- There's little point in arguing.
- He showed little interest in the game.

A few: (for countable nouns)

- I have a few friends coming over tonight.
- She bought a few apples at the store.
- There are a few things I need to do before I leave.

Few: (for countable nouns, with a more negative meaning – not many)

- Few people attended the meeting.
- He has few options left.
- There are few places to eat around here.

Choose “a little” / “little” / “a few” / “few”.

1. I have _____ water left. There's enough to share.
2. I have _____ good friends. I'm not lonely.
3. He has _____ education. He can't read or write, and he can hardly count.
4. There are _____ people she really trusts. It's a bit sad.
5. We've got _____ time at the weekend. Would you like to meet?
6. Julie gave us _____ apples from her garden. Shall we share them?
7. She has _____ self-confidence. She has a lot of trouble talking to new people.
8. There are _____ women politicians in the UK. Many people think there should be more.
9. It's a great pity, but the hospital has _____ medicine. They can't help many people.
10. I've got _____ cakes to give away. Would you like one?
11. There's _____ milk left in the fridge. It should be enough for our coffee.

12. _____ children from this school go on to university, unfortunately.
13. Do you need information on English grammar? I have _____ books on the topic if you would like to borrow them.
14. She's lucky. She has _____ problems.
15. London has _____ sunshine in the winter. That's why so many British people go on holiday to sunny places!
16. There's _____ spaghetti left in the cupboard. Shall we eat it tonight?
17. There are _____ programmes on television that I want to watch. I prefer to download a film or read a book.
18. He has _____ free time. He hardly ever even manages to call his mother!
19. Unfortunately, I have _____ problems now.
20. Are you thirsty? There's _____ juice left in this bottle, if you'd like it.

Answers

1. I have a little water left. There's enough to share.
2. I have a few good friends. I'm not lonely.
3. He has little education. He can't read or write at all, and he can hardly count.
4. There are few people she really trusts. It's a bit sad.
5. We've got a little time at the weekend. Would you like to meet?
6. Julie gave us a few apples from her garden. Shall we share them?
7. She has little self-confidence. She has a lot of trouble talking to new people.
8. There are few women politicians in the UK. Many people think there should be more.

9. It's a great pity, but the hospital has little medicine. They can't help many people.
10. I've got a few cakes to give away. Would you like one?
11. There's a little milk left in the fridge. It should be enough for our coffee.
12. Few children from this school go on to university, unfortunately.
13. Do you need information on English grammar? I have a few books on the topic if you would like to borrow them.
14. She's lucky. She has few problems.
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