

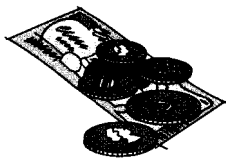
a lot

much

many



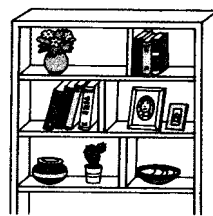
a lot of money



not much money



a lot of books



not many books

We use **much** + *uncountable noun*
(**much food** / **much money** etc.):

- Did you buy **much food**?
- We haven't got **much luggage**.
- How **much money** do you want?
- A: Have you got any **money**?
- B: I've got some, but **not much**.

We use **many** + *plural noun*
(**many books** / **many people** etc.):

- Did you buy **many books**?
- We don't know **many people**.
- How **many photos** did you take?
- A: Did you take any **photos**?
- B: I took some, but **not many**.

We use **a lot of** + *both types of noun*:

- We bought **a lot of food**.
- Paula hasn't got **a lot of free time**.

- We bought **a lot of books**.
- Did they ask **a lot of questions**?

We say:

- There **is** a lot of **food/money/water** ... (*singular verb*)

- There **are** a lot of **trees/shops/people** ... (*plural verb*)
- A lot of **people speak** English.
(*not speaks*)

B

We use **much** in *questions* and *negative sentences*:

- Do you drink **much coffee**?
- I don't drink **much coffee**.

But we do not often use **much** in *positive sentences*:

- I drink **a lot of coffee**. (*not I drink much coffee*)
- 'Do you drink much coffee?' 'Yes, **a lot**.' (*not Yes, much*)

We use **many** and **a lot of** in all types of sentences (*positive/negative/question*):

- We've got **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- We haven't got **many** friends / **a lot of** friends.
- Have you got **many** friends / **a lot of** friends?

C

You can use **much** and **a lot** without a noun:

- Donna spoke to me, but she didn't say **much**.
- 'Do you watch TV **much**?' 'No, **not much**.' (= not often)
- We like films, so we go to the cinema **a lot**. (*not go to the cinema much*)
- I don't like him very **much**.

Exercises

83.1 Write much or many.

- 1 Did you buy much food?
- 2 There aren't hotels in this town.
- 3 We haven't got petrol. We need to stop and get some.
- 4 Were there people on the train?
- 5 Did students fail the exam?
- 6 Paula hasn't got money.
- 7 I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat
- 8 I don't know where Gary lives these days. I haven't seen him for years.

Write How much or How many.

- 9 people are coming to the party?
- 10 milk do you want in your coffee?
- 11 bread did you buy?
- 12 players are there in a football team?

83.2 Complete the sentences. Use much or many with these words:

books countries luggage people time times

- 1 I don't read very much. I haven't got many books.
- 2 Hurry up! We haven't got
- 3 Do you travel a lot? Have you been to ?
- 4 Tina hasn't lived here very long, so she doesn't know
- 5 'Have you got ?' 'No, only this bag.'
- 6 I know Tokyo well. I've been there

83.3 Complete the sentences. Use a lot of + these words:

accidents books fun interesting things traffic

- 1 I like reading. I have a lot of books.
- 2 We enjoyed our visit to the museum. We saw
- 3 This road is very dangerous. There are
- 4 We enjoyed our holiday. We had
- 5 It took me a long time to drive here. There was

83.4 In some of these sentences much is not natural. Change the sentences or write OK.

- 1 Do you drink much coffee? OK
- 2 I drink much tea. a lot of tea
- 3 It was a cold winter. We had much snow.
- 4 There wasn't much snow last winter.
- 5 It costs much money to travel around the world.
- 6 We had a cheap holiday. It didn't cost much.
- 7 Do you know much about computers?
- 8 'Have you got any luggage?' 'Yes, much.'

83.5 Write sentences about these people. Use much and a lot.

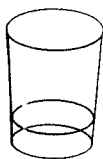
- 1 Jim loves films. (go to the cinema) He goes to the cinema a lot.
- 2 Nicole thinks TV is boring. (watch TV) She doesn't watch TV much.
- 3 Tina is a good tennis player. (play tennis) She
- 4 Martin doesn't like driving. (use his car) He
- 5 Paul spends most of the time at home. (go out)
- 6 Sue has been all over the world. (travel)

(a) little (a) few

A

(a) **little** + *uncountable noun*:

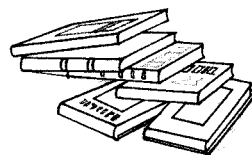
- (a) **little water**
- (a) **little time**
- (a) **little money**
- (a) **little soup**



a little water

(a) **few** + *plural noun*:

- (a) **few books**
- (a) **few questions**
- (a) **few people**
- (a) **few days**



a few books

B

a little = some but not much

- She didn't eat anything, but she drank **a little water**.
- I speak **a little Spanish**. (= some Spanish but not much)
- A: Can you speak Spanish?
B: **A little**.

a few = some but not many

- Excuse me, I have to make **a few phone calls**.
- We're going away for **a few days**.
- I speak **a few words** of Spanish.
- A: Are there any shops near here?
B: Yes, **a few**.

C

ⓧ little (*without a*) = nearly no or nearly nothing

- There was **little food** in the fridge. It was nearly empty.

You can say **very little**:

- Dan is very thin because he eats **very little**. (= nearly nothing)

ⓧ few (*without a*) = nearly no

- There were **few people** in the theatre. It was nearly empty.

You can say **very few**:

- Your English is very good. You make **very few mistakes**.

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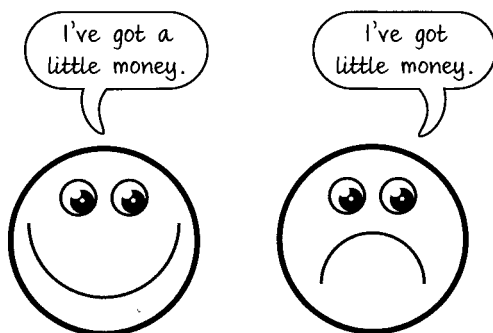
little and **a little**

A little is a *positive* idea:

- They have **a little** money, so they're not poor. (= they have some money)

Little (or **very little**) is a *negative* idea:

- They have **little** money. They are very poor. (= nearly no money)



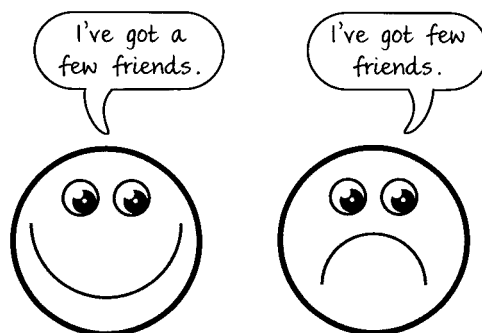
few and **a few**

A few is a *positive* idea:

- I've got **a few** friends, so I'm not lonely. (= I've got some friends)

Few (or **very few**) is a *negative* idea:

- I'm sad and I'm lonely. I've got **few** friends. (= nearly no friends)



84.1 Answer the questions with a little or a few.

- 1 'Have you got any money?' 'Yes, a little .
- 2 'Have you got any envelopes?' 'Yes, _____ .
- 3 'Do you want sugar in your coffee?' 'Yes, _____ , please.'
- 4 'Did you take any photographs when you were on holiday?' 'Yes, _____ .
- 5 'Does your friend speak English?' 'Yes, _____ .
- 6 'Are there any good restaurants in this town?' 'Yes, _____ .

84.2 Write a little or a few + these words:

chairs days fresh air friends milk Russian times years

- 1 Martin speaks Italian well. He lived in Italy for a few years .
- 2 Can I have _____ in my coffee, please?
- 3 'When did Julia go away?' ' _____ ago.'
- 4 'Do you speak any foreign languages?' 'I can speak _____ .'
- 5 'Are you going out alone?' 'No, I'm going with _____ .'
- 6 'Have you ever been to Mexico?' 'Yes, _____ .'
- 7 There wasn't much furniture in the room – just a table and _____ .
- 8 I'm going out for a walk. I need _____ .

84.3 Complete the sentences. Use very little or very few + these words:

coffee hotels ~~mistakes~~ people rain time work

- 1 Your English is very good. You make very few mistakes .
- 2 I drink _____ . I don't like it.
- 3 The weather here is very dry in summer. There is _____ .
- 4 It's difficult to find a place to stay in this town. There are _____ .
- 5 Hurry up. We've got _____ .
- 6 The town is very quiet at night. _____ go out.
- 7 Some people in the office are very lazy. They do _____ .

84.4 Write little / a little or few / a few.

- 1 There was little food in the fridge. It was nearly empty.
- 2 'When did Sarah go out?' ' _____ minutes ago.'
- 3 I can't decide now. I need _____ time to think about it.
- 4 There was _____ traffic, so we arrived earlier than we expected.
- 5 The bus service isn't very good at night – there are _____ buses after 9 o'clock.
- 6 'Would you like some soup?' 'Yes, _____ , please.'
- 7 I'd like to practise my English more, but I have _____ opportunity.

84.5 Right or wrong? Change the sentences where necessary. Write OK if the sentence is correct.

- 1 We're going away for few days next week. for a few days
- 2 Everybody needs little luck. _____
- 3 I can't talk to you now – I've got few things to do. _____
- 4 I eat very little meat – I don't like it very much. _____
- 5 Excuse me, can I ask you few questions? _____
- 6 There were little people on the bus – it was nearly empty. _____
- 7 Martin is a very private person. Few people know him well. _____

- 8 Most of **the** students ...
or Most students ...
 9 OK
 10 ... most of **the** night

UNIT 82

82.1

- 3 Both 9 Neither
 4 Neither 10 either of
 5 Neither 11 Both
 6 both 12 neither of
 7 Either 13 Both
 8 neither of 14 either of

82.2

- 2 Both windows are open.
 3 Neither man is wearing a hat. *or* Neither of them is wearing ...
 4 Both men have (got) beards. *or* Both of them have ...
 5 Both buses go to the airport. *or* ... are going to the airport.
 6 Neither answer is right.

82.3

- 3 Both of them are students.
 4 Neither of them has (got) a car.
 5 Both of them live in London.
 6 Both of them like cooking.
 7 Neither of them can play the piano.
 8 Both of them read newspapers.
 9 Neither of them is interested in sport.

UNIT 83

83.1

- 2 many 8 many
 3 much 9 How many
 4 many 10 How much
 5 many 11 How much
 6 much 12 How many
 7 much

83.2

- 2 much time
 3 many countries
 4 many people
 5 much luggage
 6 many times

83.3

- 2 a lot of interesting things
 3 a lot of accidents
 4 a lot of fun
 5 a lot of traffic

83.4

- 3 a lot of snow
 4 OK
 5 a lot of money
 6 OK
 7 OK
 8 a lot

83.5

- 3 She plays tennis a lot.
 4 He doesn't use his car much. (*or* ... a lot.)
 5 He doesn't go out much. (*or* ... a lot.)
 6 She travels a lot.

UNIT 84

84.1

- 2 a few 5 a little
 3 a little 6 a few
 4 a few

84.2

- 2 a little milk
 3 A few days
 4 a little Russian
 5 a few friends
 6 a few times
 7 a few chairs
 8 a little fresh air

84.3

- 2 very little coffee
 3 very little rain
 4 very few hotels
 5 very little time
 6 Very few people
 7 very little work

84.4

- 2 A few 5 few
 3 a little 6 a little
 4 little 7 little

84.5

- 2 ... **a** little luck
 3 ... **a** few things
 4 OK
 5 ... **a** few questions
 6 ... **few** people
 7 OK

UNIT 85

85.1

- 2 I like that green jacket.
 3 Do you like classical music?
 4 I had a wonderful holiday.
 5 We went to a Japanese restaurant.

85.2

- 2 black clouds
 3 long holiday
 4 hot water
 5 fresh air
 6 sharp knife
 7 dangerous job

85.3

- 2 It looks new.
 3 I feel ill.
 4 You look surprised.
 5 They smell nice.
 6 It tastes horrible.

85.4

- 2 It doesn't look new.
 3 You don't sound American.
 4 I don't feel cold.
 5 They don't look heavy.
 6 Maybe, but it doesn't taste good.

UNIT 86

86.1

- 2 badly 5 fast
 3 quietly 6 dangerously
 4 angrily

86.2

- 2 work hard
 3 sleep well
 4 win easily
 5 Think carefully
 6 know her very well
 7 explain things very clearly/well
 8 Come quickly

86.3

- 2 angry 8 quiet
 3 slowly 9 badly
 4 slow 10 nice (*See Unit 85C.*)
 5 careful
 6 hard 11 quickly
 7 suddenly

86.4

- 2 well 5 well
 3 good 6 good ... good
 4 well