

A Little vs A Few

A little refers to non-countable nouns, and is used with the singular form to indicate that something exists only in a small amount or to a slight degree.

Examples:

I've got **a little** money left in my account.

I have **a little** time to waste.

A few refers to countable nouns, and is used with the plural form to indicate not many persons or things.

Examples:

Ben has **a few** friends in London.

A few people stopped to listen to the preacher on the corner.

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with a little and a few.

1. We had _____ snow last winter.
2. _____ people were interested in the exhibition.
3. I speak _____ French.
4. There are _____ students in the classroom.
5. She has _____ relatives.
6. There is _____ water in the pond.
7. The professor spends _____ time playing tennis on Sundays.
8. We have _____ knowledge of this phenomenon.
9. There are _____ mushrooms in my mushroom soup.
10. _____ animals can survive in the desert.