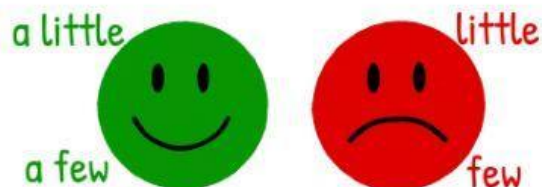


# How to express quantity ? (4)



**a little**

- ⇒ a small quantity, not much
- ⇒ with uncountable nouns only

Ex : She didn't eat, but she drank **a little** water.  
I can speak **a little** German.



**a few**

- ⇒ a small amount, not many
- ⇒ with countable nouns only

Ex : Sorry, I only have **a few** cookies left.  
I only speak **a few** words of German.



**little**

- ⇒ almost nothing, nearly no
- ⇒ with uncountable nouns only

Ex : We need to go shopping, there's **little** food.  
Dan is skinny because he eats very little.



**few**

- ⇒ not many, not enough
- ⇒ with countable nouns only

Ex : They only have **few** photos on Instagram.  
You're good ! You make very few mistakes



Compare **little** and **a little**

I have **little** money



I have **a little** money



Compare **few** and **a few**

I have **few** friends



I have **a few** friends



**Exercise 1 – Complete the sentences with "a" when necessary (when unnecessary, write "x").**

- Could you give me \_\_\_\_ little money ?
- The movie was disastrous : \_\_\_\_ few people understood the subject.
- He will arrive in \_\_\_\_ few minutes.
- I am so hungry ! Give me \_\_\_\_ few biscuits please.
- I know the Eiffel Tower very well : I have been to Paris \_\_\_\_ few times.
- He wants to lose weight : he uses \_\_\_\_ little oil when he cooks.
- Everybody needs \_\_\_\_ little luck.