

a lot of / lots of / a few / a little



Language focus

Use **a lot of / lots of / a few / a little** to talk about the number of people or things.

Use **a lot of** or **lots of** when you want to say that there is a large number.

*There were **a lot of** people at my 12th birthday party.*

Use **a few** with **countable nouns** when you want to say that there is a small number of something.

*I got **a few** bananas from the shop.*

Use **a little** with **uncountable nouns** when you want to say that there is a small amount of something.

*There's only **a little** water left.*

1 Write a few or a little.

- 1 a little time
- 2 _____ books
- 3 _____ milk
- 4 _____ bread
- 5 _____ eggs

- 6 _____ dogs
- 7 _____ fruit
- 8 _____ biscuits
- 9 _____ bottles
- 10 _____ people

2 Circle the correct phrases.

- 1 There were a *lots of* / lot of people in the park.
- 2 I've got a *few* / a *little* books.
- 3 There were *lots of* / a *few* cars in the car park – we couldn't find anywhere to park.
- 4 We had a *little* / *lots of* rain – the river flooded.
- 5 I only made a *lot of* / a *few* mistakes on my Spanish test – I managed to get 95%.
- 6 My parents have got a *lot of* / *lots* books – over 3,000.



3 Rewrite the sentences by changing the underlined words. Use *a lot of*, *lots of*, *a few* or *a little*.

- 1 There were only six people in the cinema.
 There were only a few people in the cinema.
- 2 We had ten bottles of milk in the fridge.
- 3 After I finished my homework, I had ten minutes to read before dinner.
- 4 There are 20 people in our small swimming pool.
- 5 We've only got three slices of bread. That's not enough.
- 6 I only did one hour of work this afternoon, then I went to the beach!

4 What have you got in your bedroom? Write sentences using *a lot of*, *lots of*, *a few* or *a little*.

- 1 I've got lots of video games.
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- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
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