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

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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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