

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



Language focus

Use **a lot of / lots of** 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	<u>a little</u>	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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