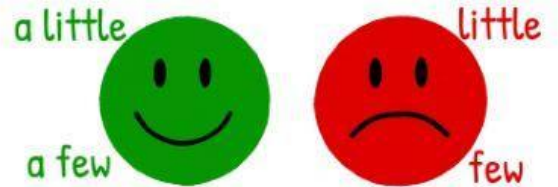


How to express quantity ? (4)



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.