

(a) little (a) few

A

(a) little + неисчисляемое существительное:

- (a) little water
- (a) little time
- (a) little money
- (a) little soup



a little water
немного воды

(a) few + существительное во множественном числе:

- (a) few books
- (a) few questions
- (a) few people
- (a) few days



a few books
несколько книг

B

a little = немного

- ☐ She didn't eat anything, but she drank a little water.
... но она выпила немного воды.
- ☐ I speak a little Spanish.
Я немного говорю по-испански.
- ☐ A: Can you speak Spanish?
B: A little. Немного.

a few – несколько

- ☐ Excuse me, I have to make a few phone calls.
... несколько телефонных звонков.
- ☐ I speak a few words of Spanish.
... несколько слов по-испански.
- ☐ A: Are there any shops near here?
B: Yes, a few. Да, несколько.
- ☐ We're going away for a few days.
Мы уезжаем на несколько дней.

C

little (без a) = мало / почти нет

- ☐ There was little food in the fridge.
It was nearly empty.
В холодильнике было мало еды ...

very little = совсем/очень мало

- ☐ Dan is very thin because he eats very little.
... потому что он ест очень мало.

few (без a) = мало / почти нет

- ☐ There were few people in the theatre.
It was nearly empty.
В театре было мало зрителей ...
(букв. мало человек)

very few = совсем/очень мало

- ☐ Your English is very good. You make very few mistakes.
... Вы делаете совсем мало ошибок.

D

Сравните little и a little:

- ☐ They have a little money, so they're not poor.
У них есть немного денег, поэтому они не бедные.
- ☐ They have little money. They are very poor.
У них мало денег. Они очень бедные.

I have a little money.



I have little money.



Сравните few и a few:

- ☐ I have a few friends, so I'm not lonely.
У меня есть несколько друзей, поэтому я не одинок.
- ☐ I'm sad and I'm lonely. I have few friends.
Мне грустно, и я одинок. У меня почти нет друзей.

I have a few friends.



I have few friends.



1 Ответьте на вопросы, используя a little или a few.

- 1 'Do you have any money?' 'Yes, a little.'
- 2 'Do you have any envelopes?' 'Yes, _____.'
- 3 'Do you want sugar in your coffee?' 'Yes, _____, please.'
- 4 'Did you take any photos when you were on holiday?' 'Yes, _____.'
- 5 'Does your friend speak English?' 'Yes, _____.'
- 6 'Are there any good restaurants in this town?' 'Yes, _____.'

2 Используйте a little или a few + слова из рамки:

chairs days fresh air friends milk Russian times -years-

- 1 Mark speaks Italian well. He lived in Italy for a few years.
- 2 Can I have _____ in my coffee, please?
- 3 'When did Amy go away?' '_____ ago.'
- 4 'Do you speak any foreign languages?' 'I can speak _____.'
- 5 'Are you going out alone?' 'No, I'm going with _____.'
- 6 'Have you ever been to Mexico?' 'Yes, _____.'
- 7 There wasn't much furniture in the room – just a table and _____.
- 8 I'm going out for a walk. I need _____.

3 Закончите предложения. Используйте very little или very few + слова из рамки:

coffee hotels -mistakes- people rain time work

- 1 Your English is very good. You make very few mistakes.
- 2 I drink _____. I prefer tea.
- 3 The weather here is very dry in summer. There is _____.
- 4 It's difficult to find a place to stay in this town. There are _____.
- 5 Hurry up. We have _____.
- 6 The town is very quiet at night. _____ go out.
- 7 Some people in the office are very lazy. They do _____.

4 Вставьте little / a little или few / a few.

- 1 There was little food in the fridge. It was nearly empty.
- 2 'When did Sarah go out?' '_____ minutes ago.'
- 3 I can't decide now. I need _____ time to think about it.
- 4 There was _____ traffic, so we arrived earlier than we expected.
- 5 The bus service isn't very good at night – there are _____ buses after 9 o'clock.
- 6 'Would you like some soup?' 'Yes, _____, please.'
- 7 I'd like to practise my English more, but I have _____ opportunity.

5 В некоторых предложениях допущена ошибка. Где нужно, исправьте ошибку. Напротив правильных предложений напишите ОК.

- 1 We're going away for few days next week. for a few days
- 2 Everybody needs little luck. _____
- 3 I can't talk to you now – I have few things to do. _____
- 4 I eat very little meat – I don't like it very much. _____
- 5 Excuse me, can I ask you few questions? _____
- 6 There were little people on the bus – it was nearly empty. _____
- 7 Mark is a very private person. Few people know him well. _____