

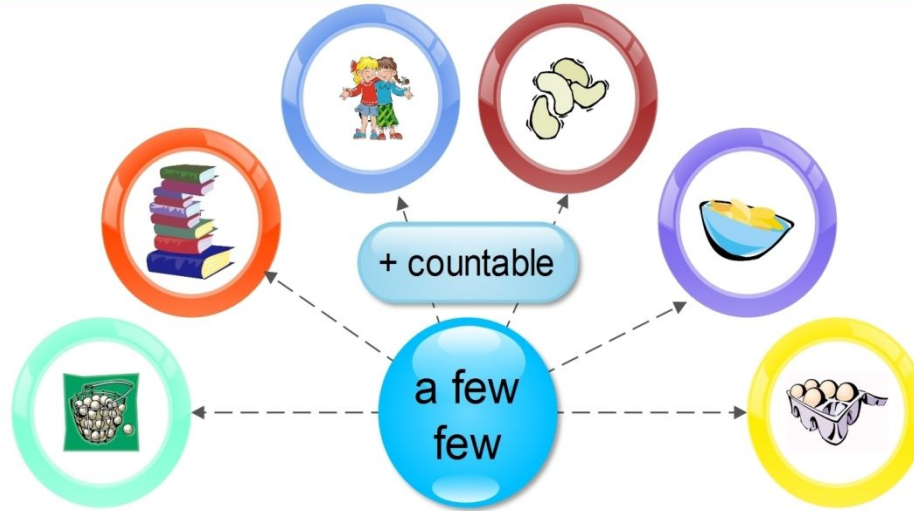


**A FEW**

The speaker is happy because there is some.



**A LITTLE**

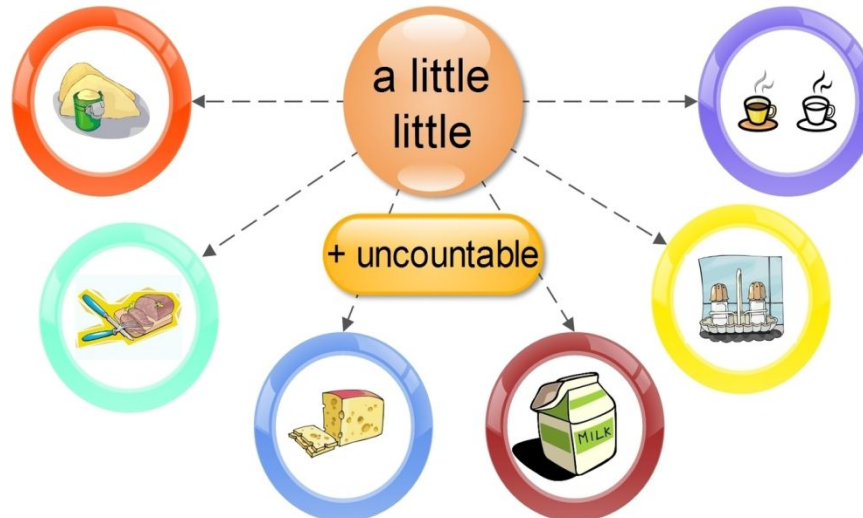


**FEW**

The speaker is not happy because there is not enough.



**LITTLE**



**little**  
A negative idea

They have little money. They are very poor.

У них **мало** денег...

**a little**  
A positive idea

They have a little money, so they are very poor..

У меня есть **немного** времени...

**few**  
A negative idea

I have few friends, so I'm sad and lonely.

У меня **мало** друзей....

**a few**  
A positive idea

I have a few friends, so I'm not lonely

У меня есть **несколько** друзей...

# FEW - LITTLE

## A FEW - A LITTLE

= a small quantity; a small amount

<b>FEW</b> + Plural Countable Nouns	= not many; not enough; nearly no ...
<b>A FEW</b> + Plural Countable Nouns	= some; a small amount
<b>LITTLE</b> + Uncountable Nouns	= not much; not enough; nearly no ...
<b>A LITTLE</b> + Uncountable Nouns	= some; a small amount

### FEW = NOT MANY

(FEW normally conveys a negative idea)

- He has **few** good friends.  
(negative idea - not enough)
- **Few** people went to the concert.
- There are **few** honest politicians.

### LITTLE = NOT MUCH

(LITTLE normally conveys a negative idea)

- There was **little** time to finish it.  
(negative idea - nearly no time)
- He has **little** patience with others.
- They have **little** money to spend.

### A FEW = SOME (a small amount)

(A FEW normally conveys a positive idea)

- He has **a few** friends that will help.  
(positive idea - a small amount)
- I have **a few** days off next month.
- She has won **a few** awards.

### A LITTLE = SOME (a small amount)

(A LITTLE normally conveys a positive idea)

- I have **a little** milk you can use.  
(positive idea - a small amount)
- She has **a little** time to relax now.
- I have earned **a little** extra money.

# A Little / Little – A Few / Few



Carol has got **a little** flour. She can make a cake.



Jill has got **(very) little** flour. She can't make a cake.



Carol has got **a few** strawberries. She can make some jam.



Jill has got **(very) few** strawberries. She can't make any jam.

Итак, местоимения "a few, a little" означают "немного, но достаточно", а местоимения "few, little" - "мало".

Сравните:

I know little about painting.

Я мало знаю о живописи.

I know a little about painting.

Я кое-что знаю о живописи.

There are few flowers in my garden.

В моём саду мало (почти нет) цветов.

There are a few flowers in my garden.

В моём саду есть немного цветов.



1) I have **a little** money left, so we can go shopping if you want.

2) I have **little** money left, so I don't think I can go shopping.

3) I have **a few** dollars left, so we can go shopping if you want.

4) I have very **few** dollars left, so I don't think I can go shopping.

5) I usually have **a little** time between classes to go grab a snack.

## **little, a little, few, a few**

**1. There is .... salad left in this bowl.**

**2. Would you like ....salad? — Yes, thank you.**

**My doctor says it's good for my health.**

**3. I have money, so we can go to the cinema.**

**4. I have.... money, so we cannot go to the cinema.**

**5. This girl works very..... , that's why she knows nothing.**

**6. Mother gave us..... apples, and we were glad.**

**7. He did not like it at the camp: he had very ..... friends there.**

- 8. This lemon drink is sour; if you put ..... sugar in it, it will be sweeter.**
- 9. This lemon drink is sour; if you put ..... lumps of sugar in it, it will be sweeter.**
- 10. The hall was almost empty: there were very..... people in it.**
- 11. I can't buy this expensive hat today: I have too .... money.**
- 12. She left and returned in ..... minutes.**
- 13. I think you can spare me..... time now.**
- 14. I am sorry I have seen plays by this author.**



**Немного денег, мало денег, несколько стульев,  
мало стульев, несколько песен,  
мало песен, немного веселья, мало веселья,  
мало мальчиков, немного воды,**

**несколько человек, мало воды, мало воздуха,  
мало столов, несколько минут,  
несколько кошек, мало травы, немного удачи,  
несколько дней, мало работы,**

**немного соли, несколько ложек, мало света,  
мало окон, несколько машин,  
немного сахара, мало яиц, мало сыра.**