A LITTLE AND A FEW EXERCISES

Directions: Answer the questions with a little or a few.

1. Do you have any time? _____________
2. Do you have any stamps? _____________
3. Do you have any salt? ______________
4. Did he have any questions? ___________
5. Do we have any oil for the car? __________
6. Does he speak Russian? ______________
7. Do you know a lot of people? __________
8. Would you like some tea? _____________

Directions: Put in a little or a few + one of these words:

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milk Italian times

1. Last weekend I wrote ______________ to my family and friends.
2. Can I have ______________ in my tea, please?
3. Part A: When did Jared go away?
   Part B: ______________ ago.
4. Part A: Do you speak any foreign languages?
   Part B: Yes, Russian and ______________.
5. Part A: Are you going out by yourself?
   Part B: No, I’m going with ______________.
6. Part A: Have you ever been to Hong Kong?
   Part B: Oh, yes. ______________
7. I live in a very small town. There is a store, a post office, and ______________. That’s all.
8. I’m going out. I need ______________ fresh ______________.
9. There wasn’t much furniture in the room – just a table and ______________

Directions: Put in very little or very few + one of these words:

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1. Her reports are very good. She makes ______________.
2. I drink ______________. I don’t like it much.
3. In summer the weather is very dry. There is _______________________.
4. It’s hard to find a place to stay in this city. There are _______________________.
5. We have to leave soon. We have _______________________.

Directions: Put in little or a little / few or a few to complete these sentences.

1. There was ____________________ food in the freezer. It was nearly empty.
2. Part A: When did you see Laura?
   Part B: ____________________ days ago.
3. Ted’s very lazy. He does ________________________ work.
4. Laura and Tim are not rich, but they have __________________ money – enough to live.
5. Last night, I went to a diner with ________________________ friends.
6. The TV networks aren’t very good. There are __________________ good programs to watch.
7. I can’t make a decision now – I need __________________ time to think about it.
8. Nearly everybody has a job. There is __________________ unemployment in this town.
9. He’s not very famous. ________________________ people have heard of him.

Directions: Without greatly changing the meaning of the sentences, replace the italicized words with a few, (very) few, a little, or (very) little.’

1. I think that some lemon juice in water makes it taste better.
2. Many people have graduate degrees, but not many people have more than two graduate degrees.
3. You may reach your goal if you put forth some more effort.
4. Although the volcano is very steep and the climb is dangerous, several strong-willed people have managed to reach the summit.
5. The number of people in the world who are brave enough to risk their lives climbing a dangerous volcano is small. Not very many people will actually face death to do this.
6. The instructor taught us about Ancient Rome very clearly. As a result, not many students had questions at the end of the class period.
7. I have to go to the post office because I have some postcards to mail.
8. Every day Gus goes to his mailbox, but it is usually empty. He gets not much mail.
9. My buddy arrived in the United States several months ago.
10. I feel you could use some help. Let me give you some advice.
11. Not many days ago, I met a very interesting woman.