

## 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:

*air*    *chairs*    *days*    *friends*    *houses*    *letters*  
*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:

*coffee*    *hotels*    *mistakes*    *rain*    *time*

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.