



WORDS OF QUANTITY: a few - few / a little - little

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- Lee: Sure. Here's [a little / little] paper for you.
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- Jim: I can lend you [a few / few] dollars if you want.
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- She also has very [a little / little] patience with other people.
- Pablo has many acquaintances, but he only has [a few / few] very close friends.
- He thinks that it's better to have [a few / few] close friends, than dozens of acquaintances.
- Sara likes [a little / little] honey in her tea.
- Renata likes [a few / few] spoonfuls of sugar in hers.
- Fran enjoys listening to [a few / few / a little / little] music when she gets home from school.
- She is thinking about buying [a few / few / a little / little] new CD's next week.
- We got to the airport early because there was very [a few / few / a little / little] traffic at 3 am.
- Since we got there early, we had [a few / few / a little / little] time to catch a nap in the terminal.

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- Student: I stayed up too late last night; I got very _____ sleep.
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- Very _____ people are millionaires.
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- A common saying: Into every life, _____ rain must fall.
- An Irish blessing: May your joys be many and your troubles be _____.
- Mari: Can I please borrow your dictionary to look up _____ words?
- _____ I always use a dictionary, so I make very _____ mistakes in spelling.
- Tamara speaks very _____ Russian. When she visited Russia, she didn't speak to anyone in Russian.
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