



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

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- Pat: I only have [ a little / little ] money for lunch. Let's go somewhere inexpensive.
- Jim: I can lend you [ a few / few ] dollars if you want.
- Irene is really unfriendly. She has very [ a few / few ] friends.
- 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.
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- Sara likes [ a little / little ] honey in her tea.
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- 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.
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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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- 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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