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A Little and A Few vs. Little and Few

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | B1 | Intermediate | Adjective | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Negation | Noun | Quantifier

1. Complete the astronaut's final log before launching to Mars by choosing the correct quantifier for each gap.

We have _____ space left in the cargo hold, so I had to leave my guitar behind. However, I managed to sneak in _____ packets of my favorite space ice cream. Sadly, _____ people get the chance to travel this far, so I won't complain!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) little
B) a little
C) a few

Blank 2

A) a few
B) few
C) a little

Blank 3

A) few
B) a few
C) little

2. Complete Captain Zoe's mission log for her upcoming trip to Mars.

Captain Zoe packed _____ extra oxygen tanks just in case of an emergency. Sadly, _____ crew members wanted to join her on such a dangerous and unpredictable journey.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) a few
B) few
C) a little

Blank 2

A) few
B) a few
C) little

3. Help Chef Gordon evaluate his pantry for tonight's dinner service by selecting ALL the grammatically correct statements that apply.

Select all that apply.

A) He has **a few** carrots left, so he can make a small side salad.
B) There is **little** hope for this soup because he accidentally burned the garlic.
C) He added **a little** onions to the broth for extra flavor.
D) He has **few** time remaining before the hungry guests arrive.

4. Help the brave food critic review a terrible restaurant by choosing the correct word for each blank.

Unfortunately, the chef has _____ understanding of how spices work. The curry was incredibly bland! I managed to eat _____ bites before giving up. To be fair, the waiter showed _____ sympathy and offered us a free dessert.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** little
- **B)** a little
- **C)** a few

Blank 2

- **A)** a few
- **B)** few
- **C)** a little

Blank 3

- **A)** a little
- **B)** little
- **C)** few

5. Put on your detective hat! Read the crime scene report and select ALL the sentences that apply and correctly use quantifiers to describe the evidence.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The thief left **few** clues behind, making the case almost impossible to solve.
- **B)** We have **a little** evidence against the suspect, which gives us a solid lead!
- **C)** Fortunately, **a few** witnesses came forward to share what they saw.
- **D)** The detective has **little** suspects, so the investigation is currently stuck.
- **E)** There is **few** dust on the bookshelf, meaning it was cleaned recently.

6. Help the stranded astronaut finish her optimistic transmission to Earth by choosing the correct option.

"Don't worry about me! I still have _____ oxygen tanks left, which gives you plenty of time to send a rescue ship."

Select one.

- **A)** a little
- **B)** a few
- **C)** little
- **D)** few

7. College life can be a struggle! Review the student's diary entries and select ALL the options that apply and are grammatically correct.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I have **little** money left in my account, so I can't buy pizza tonight.
- **B)** There are **few** good excuses for missing the final exam.
- **C)** I need to get **a few** sleep before my morning class.
- **D)** We have **little** assignments due this week, so we can finally relax!

8. Help Vlad the Vampire organize his somewhat disappointing Halloween party by choosing the right word for each gap.

Vlad felt quite sad because _____ monsters showed up to his dance party. He poured himself _____ tomato juice to calm his nerves. At least _____ zombies stayed until midnight to help him clean up the spooky decorations!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** few
- **B)** a few
- **C)** a little

Blank 2

- **A)** a little
- **B)** little
- **C)** a few

Blank 3

- **A)** a few
- **B)** few
- **C)** little

9. Help the detective complete her top-secret case notes.

The detective smiled when she found _____ muddy footprints near the broken window. Earlier that morning, she had _____ hope of catching the diamond thief, but these new clues changed everything!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** little
- **B)** few
- **C)** a few

Blank 2

- **A)** a little
- **B)** little
- **C)** few

10. Read the teenage vampire's diary entry and select the right option for the blank.

"Since moving to this sunny town, I have made _____ friends; it turns out most people are afraid of guys who drink blood for breakfast."

Select one.

- **A)** a little
- **B)** a few
- **C)** little
- **D)** few

11. Help Chef Gordon finish his frantic kitchen report by selecting the correct words for each gap.

The soup was almost perfect; it just needed _____ salt. Unfortunately, Gordon had _____ time left before the harsh food critics arrived at his restaurant!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** few
- **B)** little
- **C)** a little

Blank 2

- **A)** a few
- **B)** little
- **C)** a little

12. Eavesdrop on Chef Gordon's kitchen rant and choose the correct option to complete his complaint.

"I have _____ patience for apprentices who mistake sugar for salt!" he yelled, tossing the ruined pudding into the bin.

Select one.

- **A)** a little
- **B)** a few
- **C)** little
- **D)** few