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Determiners: Some, Any, Few, and Little

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Quantifier

1. Time to spot the mistakes! Your classmate wrote these sentences in their travel journal.

Select ALL the sentences that contain a determiner error.

Select all that apply.

A) "There was few water left in my bottle, so I bought more."
B) "I had a little money saved, so I treated myself to dessert."
C) "We met a few nice locals, but little of them spoke English."
D) "I had little time to explore, which was disappointing."

2. You're working at a coffee shop and a customer approaches the counter. Select the correct option for each blank to complete the conversation.

"Would you like _____ milk in your coffee? I'm afraid we don't have _____ oat milk left today."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) any
B) some
C) few

Blank 2

A) some
B) any
C) little

3. You're cooking dinner and checking what's in the fridge. Select the correct option for each blank to describe the situation.

"Good news: there's _____ butter left, so we can make the sauce. Bad news: there's _____ hope of finding fresh herbs; the fridge is almost empty!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) little
B) a little

Blank 2

A) little
B) a little

4. Choose the correct determiners to complete the conversation.

You're at a café with a friend who's feeling tired. Help complete what you both say!

You (offering): "Would you like _____ coffee? It might help!"

Friend (declining): "No thanks, I don't have _____ time. I need to catch my bus."

You: "That's a shame! Well, I have _____ minutes before my meeting, so I'll stay."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) any
B) some
C) few

Blank 2

- **A)** some
- **B)** any
- **C)** little

Blank 3

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

5. Spot the mistake! Your classmate wrote this text message about grocery shopping. One sentence has an error. Select the correct determiner to fix it.

"I went to the store but they didn't have _____ eggs. Could you pick up _____ on your way home?"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** some
- **B)** any

Blank 2

- **A)** any
- **B)** some

6. Choose the correct determiners to fix the mistakes in this email.

Your colleague wrote this, but made some errors with determiners. Help fix them!

Original (with mistakes): "I don't have many time, but I have a little ideas to share."

Fixed version:
"I don't have _____ time, but I have _____ ideas to share."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** many
- **B)** much
- **C)** few

Blank 2

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

7. Emma just moved to a new city. She's feeling positive because she's already made some connections!

Choose the option that shows Emma feels good about her situation.

"I've only been here a month, but I've already made ___ friends."

Select one.

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

8. Your friend just arrived at your apartment after a long walk in the cold. You want to be a good host!

Choose the correct determiner to complete your offer.

"You look freezing! Would you like ___ hot tea?"

Select one.

- **A)** some
- **B)** any
- **C)** few
- **D)** little

9. You're wrapping up a team meeting at work, and the presenter wants to check if anyone needs clarification.

Choose the correct determiner to complete the sentence.

"Does anyone have ___ questions before we finish?"

Select one.

- **A)** some
- **B)** any
- **C)** few
- **D)** little

10. Your friend is worried about an upcoming exam. Select the correct option for each blank to complete your encouraging message.

"Don't panic! I know _____ students who can help us study. Unfortunately, _____ people actually read the textbook, so we'll have an advantage!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** few
- **B)** a few

Blank 2

- **A)** few
- **B)** a few

11. Oh no! There's a grammar mistake hiding in one of these sentences.

Find the sentence with the INCORRECT determiner.

Select one.

- **A)** I have a little money left for lunch.
- **B)** Do you have any sugar?
- **C)** We have few water in the bottle.
- **D)** She made a few mistakes on the test.

12. Choose the correct words to show the difference in meaning.

Your roommate asks about groceries. Choose carefully: the meaning changes!

Positive situation (we have enough):
"Don't worry! We still have _____ eggs and _____ milk for breakfast."

Negative situation (almost nothing left):
"Ugh, we have _____ eggs and _____ milk. We need to go shopping!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

Blank 4

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

13. Two people are talking about their social lives. Notice the difference in tone!

Select ALL the sentences where the determiner matches the intended meaning.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** "I have a few close friends, so I'm happy." (positive: a small number, but enough)
- **B)** "I have few close friends, so I often feel lonely." (negative: almost none)
- **C)** "I have few close friends, so I'm happy." (positive meaning intended)
- **D)** "I have a few close friends, so I often feel lonely." (negative meaning intended)