

A few

A few represents a positive quantity. It is used with plural nouns. It means some, a small amount.

A few + Plural Countable Nouns

Examples;

- He has a few good friends so he is happy.
- There are a few books on the shelf.
- We stayed a few days in Paris and visited the Eiffel Tower.

Few

Few represents a negative quantity or shortage. It is used with plural countable nouns. It means not many, not enough.

Few + Plural Countable Nouns

Examples;

- I have got few friends in the city so I am lonely.
- They have got few cake on the table.
- He has few photos on Instagram.

A little

A little is used with positive quantity and non-countable nouns.

It means “a small amount” or “some”.

Examples;

- There is a little milk in the refrigerator
- Would you like a little water?
- Mary got a little bit of pie.
- Can't you discount it a little?

Little

Little expresses a diminutive size or a negative quantity.

Little means “almost nothing” or “not much”.

Examples;

- I'm sorry, I speak little French.
- There was little time to finish my homework.
- The kitten is little.
- I have drunk little water this morning.