Few, A Few, Little, A Little Worksheet: Quantifiers

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Form	Example
a few + plural (some, positive) · few (not many, negative)	I have a few ideas. Few people came.
a little + uncountable (some) · little (not much)	There's a little milk. There's little hope.
each (individually) · every (all, as a group) + singular	Each student got a book. Every room has a view.
none of · all of · plenty of	None of my friends smoke. There's plenty of time.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
I have little friends in this city.	I have few friends in this city.
There are a little apples left.	There are a few apples left.
Every students have a laptop.	Every student has a laptop.

1. Complete

Complete with few, a few, little or a little.

1. I speak _____ Japanese, enough to order food.
2. Very _____ people know about this beach. That's why it's so quiet.
3. Can I have _____ sugar in my coffee?
4. We've got _____ minutes before the train leaves. Let's get a coffee.
5. There is _____ hope of finding the plane now.
6. She has _____ close friends, but they are very loyal.
7. He's lazy and does _____ work.
8. _____ students passed the exam. It was very hard.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. (Each / Every) of the children got a present.
2. (None / No) of my colleagues drive to work.
3. Don't hurry. We've got (plenty of / a lot) time.
4. I go to the gym (every / each) day.
5. There's (little / few) traffic on Sundays.
6. I've read (a few / a little) of her books.
7. (All / Every) the shops were closed.
8. She has (few / little) patience with lazy people.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. There are little chairs left, so come early.
2. I need a few information.
3. Every people in the room stood up.
4. I have a few money left.
5. Each of the boys have a bike.
6. There's plenty food for everyone.

Writing

Describe your neighbourhood (6–7 sentences). Use few, a few, little, a little, every and plenty of.

Speaking

- Do you have a few close friends or lots of friends? Why?
- What do you have little time for these days?
- Is there anything you do every single day without exception?
- Tell me about a place where few tourists go.

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 a little · 2 few · 3 a little · 4 a few · 5 little · 6 a few · 7 little · 8 Few

2. Choose: 1 Each · 2 None · 3 plenty of · 4 every · 5 little · 6 a few · 7 All · 8 little

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 There are few chairs left, so come early. · 2 I need a little information. · 3 Everyone / Every person in the room stood up. · 4 I have a little money left. · 5 Each of the boys has a bike. · 6 There's plenty of food for everyone.

Writing, model answer: I live in a quiet neighbourhood with plenty of trees. There are a few small shops on my street, but few big supermarkets. There's little traffic, so every morning I hear the birds. A few of my neighbours have lived here for forty years. There's a little park at the end of the road. Every Saturday there's a market, and there's plenty of fresh fruit.