QUANTIFIERS

SOME/ANY/NO

✔ **some + uncountable / plural countable nouns** in affirmative sentences and in questions when we offer something or ask for something politely.

There is some orange juice in the fridge.
Would you like some chips?
Could I have some coffee?

✔ **any + uncountable / plural countable nouns** in questions and negative sentences.

Is there any orange juice in the fridge?
There aren't any chips on the table.

✔ **no (=not any) + uncountable /plural countable nouns** in affirmative sentences to give a negative meaning.

There is no cheese in the fridge. = There isn't any cheese in the fridge.

✔ **a lot (of) / lots (of) + uncountable / plural countable nouns** mainly in affirmative sentences.

There were a lot of people at the meeting.
Have some more food. There's lots of pasta left.

(A) FEW / (A) LITTLE

✔ **(a) few + plural countable nouns:** a few has a positive meaning whereas few has a negative meaning.

I need a few more things from the supermarket.
Very few people agreed with him.

✔ **(a) little + uncountable nouns:** a little has a positive meaning whereas little has a negative meaning.

There's still a little cake left. Have some.

There's very little time left. Hurry!

I. Fill in the gaps with correct quantifiers.

1. There aren't_____ car parks in the centre of Oxford.
2. Eating out is expensive here. There aren't _____ cheap restaurants.
3. Liverpool has _____ of great nightclubs.
4. Hurry up! We only have _____ time before the coach leaves.
5. We saw _____ beautiful scenery when we went to Austria.
6. There are a _____ shops near the university.
7. It's very quiet. There aren't _____ people here today.
8. There are _____ expensive new flats next to the river.

II. Read and circle the correct words.

1. A: When does our flight leave?
   B: In an hour. So, we have got **a little/little** time before we leave.
   A: Yes. Do you want to get **any/some** coffee?
   B: Yeah, there are **a few/few** cafes over there, I think.

2. My mother makes many nice desserts. She has got **a lot / few** of recipes but **a few/few** people know that the recipes are actually my grandmother's. My mother doesn't like using **any/no** new recipes. She says the old ones are the best. I don't mind because I like her desserts **few/ a lot.**

III.* Fill in with *a few* or *few.

1. There are _____ apples in the bowl.

2. Look! _____ seagulls are flying over our ferry.

3. _____ tourists visit Greece in the winter.

4. There are very _____ sailboats out today as it is so windy.

5. _____ of the chairs were painted blue – others were white.

6. The sky is so blue – there are _____ clouds in the sky.

IV. **Fill in with *a little* or *little.***

1. There's just _____ milk left, we need to buy more.
2. She has so _____ free time that she never takes vacations.
3. I've got _____ money with me – enough for a coffee.
4. Do you have _____ time to help me with my English exercises?
5. This salad has so _____ olive oil in it – that it's tasteless.
6. He has _____ patience for noisy children.
7. There's _____ paint left in the jar.
8. There's so _____ paint in the jar that we can't paint a picture.

V. **Fill in with *a little/ little* or *a few/few.***

1. Spending _____ hours in the sun every day is pleasant.
2. We have been to the Greek islands _____ times.
3. There were very _____people in the taverna last night.
4. Would you like _____ milk in your coffee?
5. I'd like to spend _____ more time on the beach today?
6. He has _____ patience for rude customers.

7. Let's see if there's _____ coffee left in the pot.
8. Oh no! There's so _____ coffee, we'll have to make more.

ANSWER KEY

I.
1. any
2. any
3. a lot of / lots of
4. a little
5. some
6. lot of
7. any
8. a lot of/lots of/ a few/some

II.
1. a little/some/a few
2. a lot of/few/any/a lot

III.
1. a few
2. a few
3. Few
4. few
5. A few
6. few

IV.
1. little
2. little
3. a little
4. a little
5. little
6. little
7. a little
8. little

V.
1. a few
2. a few
3. few

4. a little
5. a little
6. little
7. a little
8. little