

## 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

2.16. Quantifiers (Some/Any/A lot of/Lots of/A few/ A little/No)

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