



## ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 84 – (a) little / (a) few





## A GIỚI THIỆU "(A) LITTLE / (A) FEW"

a little water

- (a) little + uncountable noun:
- (a) little water
- (a) little time
- (a) little money
- (a) little soup



- (a) few books
- (a) few questions
- (a) few people
- (a) few days



a few books



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### CÁCH DÙNG "A LITTLE" VÀ "A FEW"

a little = some but not much

- Ex1A: She didn't eat anything, but she drank a little water.
- Ex2A: I speak a little Spanish.
  (= some Spanish but not much)
- Ex3A: A: Can you speak Spanish?
  B: A little.

a few = some but not many

- Ex1B-1: Excuse me, I have to make a few phone calls.
- Ex1B-2: We're going away for a few days.
- Ex2B: I speak a few words of Spanish
- Ex3B: A: Are there any shops near here?
  - B: Yes, a few.



### CÁCH DÙNG "LITTLE" VÀ "FEW"

- | little (without a) = nearly no or nearly nothing
- Ex4A: There was little food in the fridge. It was nearly empty

### You can say very little:

Ex5A: Dan is very thin because he eats very little.
 (= nearly nothing)

- a few (without a) = nearly no
- Ex4B: There were **few people** in the theatre. It was nearly empty.

#### You can say very few:

Ex5B: Your English is very good. You make very few mistakes.

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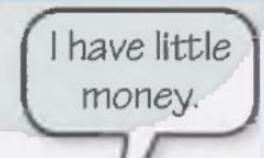


### PHÂN BIỆT "LITTLE, A LITTLE, FEW, A FEW"

#### Compare little and a little:

- Ex6A: They have a little money, so they're not poor.
  (= they have some money)
- Ex7A: They have little money. They are very poor.
  (= nearly no money)





#### Compare few and a few:

- Ex6B: I have a few friends, so I'm not lonely.
  (= I have some friends)
- Ex7B: I'm sad and I'm lonely. I have few friends. (= nearly no friends)



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