

## A little Vs A few

**Countable nouns:** These **can be counted** using numbers such as one table, two chairs etc.

**Uncountable nouns:** These **cannot be counted** using numbers. Examples are water, sugar, air etc.

**'Little'** is used with singular uncountable nouns

There is **little water** left, so don't drink too much.

I have **little reason** to think they will come.

**'Few'** is used with plural nouns [countable]

There are **few people** who can do it.

I know **few places** that I could go to.

**Little or few:** Positive and negative meaning

**Negative meaning**

Without the use of **'a'**, the meaning here is **'not much'**.

I have little water left.

I have few cookies left.

**Positive meaning**

When we use **'a'** before **'little'** and **'few'**, it has a more positive meaning, similar to **'some'**.

I have **a little** water left.

I have **a few** cookies.

**Common mistake with money**

You cannot say **'few money left'**, or **'4 money'**. We can count money, but we need to name the currency.

**For example:** 'four pound' / 'four dollars' / 'I have little money left.'

**Note:**

Remember the 'positive' & 'negative meaning' explained above. If you look at the two sentences below, you can see that they have a different meaning.

'I need **a little money** for my holiday'

'I need **little money** for holiday.'

**Negative** This means you need some money.

**Positive** This means you don't need a lot of money.



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