

Plurals & Expressing Quantity

Language Focus

- When there is more than one thing, we have to change the noun into its plural.

+s	+es (when the noun ends in -s /-ss / -sh /-ch /-x /-o)	
Things	Buses	Brushes
Brooms	Princesses	Foxes
Cats	Potatoes	Witches

-y + ies	Add "s" to these nouns ending in -o	
Babies	Photos	Kilos
Candies	Hippos	Zoos
Ladies	Radios	Kangaroos
	Pianos	

Add "s" to these nouns with a vowel before "y"		-f / fe + ves	
Keys	Days	Wolves	Thieves
Monkeys	Boys	Leaves	Bookshelves

Irregular	
child – children	man – men
tooth – teeth	sheep – sheep
foot – feet	deer – deer
mouse – mice	fish – fish

- We put 'a few' and 'few' before countable nouns and 'a little' and 'little' before uncountable nouns.

a few	countable	some
few		almost none
a little	uncountable	some
little		almost none

Example:

- **A few** foxes and wolves are helping the sheep!
- **Few** people can imagine what funny things there are!
- The mice are sharing **a little** cheese with the cats!
- I want to tell you more but there is **little** time left.

A. Can you make these nouns plural?

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| 1. bush | _____ | 4. child | _____ |
| 2. volcano | _____ | 5. thief | _____ |
| 3. lorry | _____ | 6. mouse | _____ |

B. Fill in the blanks with “few”, “a few”, “little” or “a little”.

1. Can I have _____ sugar, please?
2. There are _____ oranges in the basket. Can you buy some from the supermarket?
3. There are _____ benches in the park.
4. We need _____ eggs and a little butter to make the bread.
5. Hurry up! We've got _____ time left.

C. Circle the correct answer.

1. Can you give me (a few / a little / little) time?
2. Do you have (a few / a little / little) friends in other countries?
3. I have to buy (a few / few / a little) things in the supermarket.
4. There is (few / a little / little) jam in the jar. Is there a new one?
5. Can I ask you (a few / few / a little) questions, sir?
6. Put (few / a little / little) toothpaste on the toothbrush.
7. There is (a few / few / little) noise in the library.
8. (Few / A little / Little) people can spell my name “Gwendolyn” right.
9. I can say (a few / few / a little) words in Japanese, like “thank you” or “goodbye”.
10. I have (a few / a little / little) money. I can't go to that expensive restaurant.
11. There are (a few / few / little) colours that I do not like. They are pink, yellow and purple.
12. He is always busy. He has (few / a little / little) time for reading.

D. Blacken the correct answers to complete the story.

In the Zoo

Jane is in the zoo with her parents now.

“This zoo is bigger than all the (1) _____ we have visited,” papa said. “Look at these black and white bears,” Jane said. “They are not bears. They are (2) _____,” mama said. “Oh, there are some panda (3) _____!”

“Mama, don’t go there, don’t go there!” Jane pointed to the (4) _____ in the cage and said. “Don’t worry, darling. They are in the cage.” Next to the “big grey dogs”, as Jane named them, lived the (5) _____. “Why are their (6) _____ so short?” the girl asked.

In another cage were (7) _____ (8) _____. “They are very tall, papa.” “Yes, they are.” “They are eating the (9) _____ on the tree,” Jane said.

Then, they came to the (10) _____ House. “They are so beautiful, but where are the (11) _____?” “Ha-ha, maybe they are making (12) _____ honey somewhere,” papa said.

“Mama, the (13) _____ are lovely. Can we give them (14) _____ food?” Jane asked. “No, we cannot give food to the animals in the zoo,” mama said.

“It’s time to leave,” papa said.

“I’m so tired now. My (15) _____ say they don’t want to walk anymore!” the girl said.

1. A. zoo
 B. zoos
 C. zooses

2. A. panda
 B. pandas
 C. pandas

3. A. babys
 B. babyes
 C. babies

4. A. wolfs
 B. wolves
 C. wolfves

5. A. hippos
 B. hippoes
 C. hippoies

6. A. leg
 B. legs
 C. leges

7. A. few
 B. a few
 C. a little

8. A. giraffe
 B. giraffves
 C. giraffes

9. A. leafs
 B. leaves
 C. leafves

10. A. Butterflies
 B. Butterflys
 C. Butterflyes

11. A. bee
 B. bees
 C. beeies

12. A. little
 B. a little
 C. few

13. A. monkey
 B. monkeies
 C. monkeys

14. A. a few
 B. a little
 C. little

15. A. feet
 B. foots
 C. foot

