

QUANTIFIERS

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Choose quantity expressions with the right meaning and noun pattern.

1. READ: Preparing a shared lunch

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar and how the speakers use it.

Nora: Have we got enough food for everyone?

Len: We've got **a few** sandwiches, but **little** fruit. We should buy more.

Nora: I'll go to the shop. Is there **any** milk left?

Len: **A little**. **Both** cartons are nearly empty.

Nora: Can I use either of the shopping bags?

Len: Yes, **either** is fine. **Each** guest is bringing something too, so we won't need much.

2. GRAMMAR: Amount, attitude and agreement

Few/little mean not much; a few/a little mean some. Match the expression to noun type and number.

Use / form	Pattern	Example
Countable / uncountable	a few + plural; a little + mass	a few sandwiches; a little milk
Two items	both / either / neither	both bags; either bag
Individual members	each/every + singular noun	Each guest is bringing food.

Contrast: few friends (not many) / a few friends (some); little time / a little time.

Two: both are; either is; neither is in formal standard usage.

Of: each of the guests; both of the bags. Every guest, not every of the guests.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

1. We have a few / a little sandwiches.
2. There's a few / a little milk.
3. Each guest bring / brings something.
4. Both bags is / are here.
5. Either bag is / are fine.
6. Every guest / guests has a plate.
7. We have little / a little time, so we must hurry.
8. We have few / a few friends coming, so we're not alone.

Read each answer aloud. Explain which meaning or time clue helped you.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Food and responsibilities

Choose the quantifier or write the appropriate verb form. Use formal singular agreement with neither.

1. There are _____ (a few / a little) sandwiches left.
2. We have _____ (little / a little) fruit - not enough for everyone.
3. There's _____ (a few / a little) milk for the tea.
4. Both cartons _____ (be) nearly empty.
5. Each guest _____ (be) responsible for bringing one dish.
6. Neither of the two bags _____ (be) damaged; both are usable.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Correct the noun or agreement.

Example: Both bag is here. **Both bags are here.**

1. Every students has a plate.
2. Both bag is empty.

3-4: Rewrite with the expression given. Example: Some milk remains. (a little) **A little milk remains.**

3. Some time remains. (a little)
4. Not many people came. (few)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three sentences about an event. Include quantity, two choices and individual members of a group.

Example: **We have a little time. Both rooms are free. Each guest has a seat.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

Plan a shared meal. Check quantities, compare two choices and divide responsibilities.

Use **a few / little / a little, both / either / neither** and **each / every**.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Len: Yes, **either** is fine. **Each guest** is bringing something too, so we won't need much.

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. a few | 2. a little |
| 3. brings | 4. are |
| 5. is | 6. guest |
| 7. little / a little | 8. few / a few |

B. COMPLETE: Food and responsibilities

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| 1. a few | 2. little / a little |
| 3. a little | 4. are |
| 5. is | 6. is (are is common informally) |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. Every student has a plate.
2. Both bags are empty.
3. A little time remains.
4. Few people came.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: We have a few apples. There is little bread. Both shops are open. Each person can bring a dish.

Teacher note: A7/A8 and B2 allow both choices: little/few emphasise scarcity; a little/a few emphasise some. Neither takes singular agreement here; plural is common informally.