

**Not many, few, not much, little** ★★

The group of words called QUANTIFIERS say *how many..?* or *how much...?*  
Here are some more in the 'small amount' group.

1 **Not many, (very) few** (= a small number, and negative) [COUNTABLE]  
(For a positive view, see GB 110)



**"I've got very few seats left"**  
(not many, and not enough for your group)

*The concert was a flop, not many people (very few people) came.  
"I've had very few applications for the post, so we'd better re-advertise."*

2 **Not much, (very) little** (= a small amount, and negative) [UNCOUNTABLE]  
(For a positive view, see GB 110)



**"I haven't got much money; I don't think we can afford the movie."** (very little, not enough for the movie)

*"There's (very) little I can tell you that you don't already know."  
I'm sorry, there's not much cake left."*

For *less* and *fewer*, see GB No 112.

**Quick check**

**Complete each sentence with *little, few, much* or *many*:**

- 1 "We'd better hurry, we haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ time."
- 2 He has violent ideas, but fortunately very \_\_\_\_\_ people agree with him.
- 3 I don't think \_\_\_\_\_ people will volunteer for this; it's too dangerous.
- 4 "There's very \_\_\_\_\_ milk left; can you buy some?"
- 5 Sadly, there are \_\_\_\_\_ snow leopards left in the wild.

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