Using few, a few, little, a little

**Introduction:** Few and a few are used with count nouns; little and a little with non count.

**Structure:** A little, a few mean some. Little and few mean not much.

**Examples**

| I have a few minutes. Let’s get together. | I have a little time. Let’s get together. |
| I have few minutes. Can we do it tomorrow? | I have little time. Can we do it tomorrow? |

Exercise 1 Choose the best solution.

1) Do they need __________ tips? They seem to be having problems.
   a) a few b) few c) little d) a little e) both b and c are correct
2) Does he have ___________ advice? I could use ___________ more.
   a) a few / a little b) few / a few c) a little / a few d) a, b, and c are correct e) a little / a little
3) The company is going to use ___________ money to do the project. They want to save as much as possible.
   a) little b) a little c) few d) a few e) none of the answers
4) They got __________ clients together for the new offer. It does not seem to be very popular.
   a) a few b) few c) little d) a little e) none of the answers
5) Did the boss have __________ ideas in the matter? She did not say much.
   a) b and c b) a little c) little d) a few e) few
6) She will have __________ time. I don’t think she will be able to see me.
   a) a few b) both a and c are correct c) little d) a little e) few
7) Don’t we need __________ minutes before we begin? We will have to do __________ preparation.
   a) all of the answers b) a few / a little c) few / a few d) little / a few e) a little / few
8) The consultants have __________ ideas. They seem to know best.
   a) d and e b) a little c) little d) few e) a few
9) Did they use __________ fuel? I am amazed at how far they got.
   a) little b) a little c) few d) a few e) all of the answers
10) The team has __________ money. They can do the project.
    a) both b and c are correct b) little c) a little d) few e) a few
11) The computer company had __________ staff on call for the emergency. We couldn’t talk to them.
    a) a little b) little c) few d) a few e) none of the answers
12) She had __________ money, so she bought a new car.
    a) both c and d are correct b) a few c) few d) little e) a little
13) Does the competition have __________ more to offer? They seem to get more business.
    a) few b) a few c) a little d) little e) all of the answers
14) I have __________ euros. Let’s go out.
    a) little b) a little c) few d) a few e) all of the answers
15) Did the ticket have __________ options? I do not think we can change the departure date.
    a) a little b) little c) a few d) few e) none of the answers

Exercise 2 This week practice using this grammar point during the week. Try to express your ideas aloud.

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1) a 2) e 3) a 4) b 5) e 6) c 7) b 8) e 9) a 10) c 11) b 12) d 13) c 14) d 15) d