

Much, many, little, few

Much, little

Many, few

употребляются с
неисчисляемыми
существительными:

much time much luck
little energy little money

употребляются с
исчисляемыми
существительными:

many friends many people
few cars few countries

A lot (of), lots (of), plenty (of)

Употребляются с

неисчисляемыми
существительными



a lot of juice lots of time
plenty of money

и

существительными во
множественном числе:

a lot of students
lots of shops
plenty of ideas

Plenty часто используется в значении 'более чем достаточно'

much many

употребляются, в основном, в

отрицательных предложениях и в вопросах:

- We didn't waste much time.
- Have you written many poems?

В утвердительных предложениях лучше употреблять

a lot (of) вместо much:

- We wasted a lot of food. (а не `we wasted much food')
- There has been a lot of rain recently. (а не `much rain')

Однако too much и so much

употребляются в **утвердительных предложениях:**

- She won't drink this coffee. There's too much sugar in it.
- There was so much sugar in the coffee that she couldn't drink it.

Little / a little

few / a few

Little и few (без артикля a)

придают характеру действия негативный оттенок:

- Ask Tom to take a car. We've got little time.

(= немного, недостаточно времени)

- He's not friendly. He has few friends.

(= немного, недостаточно друзей)

A little и a few показывают более ПОЗИТИВНОЕ ОТНОШЕНИЕ к
небольшому количеству или числу:

- Let's go and see the town. We've got a little time before the train leaves.

(= немного времени, но достаточно чтобы посмотреть город)

- I enjoy my life here. I have a few friends and we meet quite often.

(a few friends = not many but enough to have a good time)

- 'When did he phone you last?' 'A few days ago.' (= some days ago)

very little / very few only a little / only a few

Запомните усилительные формы

very little и very few :

- We've got very little butter.
- He has very few clothes.

only a little и only a few

имеют отрицательное значение:

- Say that you'll call him later. We've only got a little time.
- The beach was empty. There were only a few swimmers.