

## Plurals &amp; 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?

- |            |       |          |       |
|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| 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. Butterflies

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

