

8 *a few, a little, a lot of/lots of*

There are **a few** bananas in that bowl. There's **a little** water in this bottle.
There are **a lot of** oranges and **a lot of** bread in this bag.

- We use *a few* (= a small number of) with plural countable nouns:
There are a few bananas in that bowl. A: Are there any eggs? B: Yes, **a few**.
- We use *a little* (= a small amount of) with uncountable nouns:
There's a little water in this bottle. A: Is there any cheese? B: Yes, **a little**.
- We use *a lot of/lots of* (= a large number/amount of) with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns: *There are a lot of oranges in this bag.*
There's lots of bread in this bag. A: Are there any eggs? B: Yes, **a lot/lots**.
- We can use *a lot of/lots of* like *many* and *much*, in negative sentences and questions: *I don't eat a lot of sweets.* *Is there lots of sugar in this cake?*
(But we also use *a lot of/lots of* in affirmative sentences.)

PRACTICE

8a Complete the conversations. Use *a few* or *a little*.

- o A: More coffee?
B: No, thanks. Can I have just *a little* water, please?
- 1 A: Are there any restaurants in this street?
B: Yes,
- 2 A: Are your cousins here?
B: Yes. They stay with us for days every summer.
- 3 A: Is there any juice in that carton?
B: Yes,
- 4 A: people at college are really good at sport.
B: Well, I'm not!
- 5 A: Is there any soap powder?
B: Yes, there's on top of the washing machine.
- 6 A: Kirsty wants to lose weight.
B: I think she looks great.
- 7 A: Have you got any ideas for your History project?
B: Yes,
- 8 A: Can I have just sugar in my coffee, please?
B: Of course.
- 9 A: She's only minutes late. Let's wait for her.
B: She's always late!
- 10 A: Is there any bread?
B: Yes, It's over there.