

A few and the few

Few is used with plural nouns. It indicates a small number of something.

There were few children in the class.

I could answer only a few questions.

A few means some. It has a positive meaning. The few means not many, but all of those. Test your understanding of few with this grammar exercise.

Complete the following sentences using a few or the few.

1. He wants to spend days that are left to him in solitude and meditation.

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2. I have got questions to ask.

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3. public gardens that we have are not properly maintained.

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4. I can't express my gratitude in words.

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5. remarks that he made were very poignant.

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6. When I met him weeks ago, he looked happy.

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Answers

1. He wants to spend the few days that are left to him in solitude and meditation.
2. I have got a few questions to ask.
3. The few public gardens that we have are not maintained properly.

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4. I can't express my gratitude in a few words.
5. The few remarks that he made were very poignant.
6. When I met him a few weeks ago, he looked happy.