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| **Lesson Title:** The Use of ‘Little’, ‘a Little’, ‘Few’, ‘a Few’ and the Articles ‘a’, ‘an’ and ‘the’ | | **Theme:** Grammar | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-116 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to exhibit memory of the lesson on the use of these adjectives and articles by using them in sentences. | | | |

**Overview**

**Articles** are words that tell us when the writer is referring to a specific thing or a general thing. They are a type of adjectives. There are three articles in English: ‘a’, ‘an’ and ‘the’.

‘A’ and ‘an’ are called **indefinite articles** because they do not refer to a specific person, place

or thing. We use ‘a’ when the noun that follows starts with a consonant sound. We use ‘an’ when the noun that follows starts with a vowel sound.

Examples:

* He drank **a** soda.
* She wore **an** earring.

‘The’ is a **definite article** because it refers to a specific person, place or thing.

* I want to ride in **the** car.

We do not always use articles in front of nouns. Often, we use other adjectives, such as ‘few’ and ‘little’. ‘Few’ means not many. It is used with plural **countable nouns**. These are nouns that you can count, such as apples. ‘Little’ means ‘not much’. It is used with singular **uncountable nouns**. These are nouns you cannot count, such as water. (You cannot, for instance, say, one water.)

Examples:

* The **few** apples that remained at the market were rotten.
* The **little** water we had at home was used for cooking.

‘A few’ and ‘a little’ mean some, though not many. This is a greater quantity than ‘few’ or ‘little’.

Examples:

* She has **a few** apples left to sell.
* He has **a little** water to drink.

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Fill in the blanks with a little, little, few, a few to complete the sentences.

1. Let’s go to the Freetown Mall. I have money.
2. I’m sorry I can’t pay for your lunch. I have money.
3. Not many children like vegetables; for example, children eat squash.
4. Joe is always angry. That’s why he has friends.
5. Bill did not drink all the drinks. There’s left.
6. The party was fun, but there were people I know there.
7. May I please have more coffee?
8. of the children were rude, but most were polite.
9. Donald doesn’t care for school. He has interest in it.
10. I need to talk to you. Do you have minutes?

**Activity 2**

Choose the correct answer from the multiple-choice options given to complete the sentences.

1. Do they need tips? They seem to be having problems.

a. a few b. few c. little d. a little

1. 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

1. She will have time. I don’t think she will be able to see me.

a. a few b. few c. little d. a little

1. Don’t we need minutes before we begin? We will have to do preparation.

a. a few / a little b. few / a few c. little / a few d. a little / few

1. The teachers have ideas. They seem to know the best.

a. a little b. little c. few d. a few

**Activity 3**

Choose the correct answer from the multiple-choice options given to complete the sentences.

1. What is most delicious sauce in Sierra Leone?

a. a b. an c. the d. a and an

1. You often carry orange in your bag.

a. the b. an c. a d. the and a

1. Does apple a day keep the doctor away?

a. the b. a c. an d. a and an

1. Have you tried burger from Lion Bakery? It is very delicious.

a. the b. an c. a d. the and an

1. Do you have favourite meal?

a. a b. the c. an d. an and the

1. Have you ever cooked meal for someone?

a. an b. a c. an d. an and the

1. Which town makes best food?

a. the b. a c. an d. an and the

1. Do you have double room available?

a. a b. the c. an d. the and an

1. Are you vegetarian?

a. a b. the c. an d. a and the

1. Do you like coffee from Kenema?

a. an b. the c. a d. an and

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**Activity 1**

1. a little 2. little 3. few 4. few 5. a few 6. few 7. a little 8. a few 9. little 10. a few

**Activity 2**

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. d

**Activity 3**

1. c 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. a 6. b 7. a 8. a 9. a 10. b