



First Reading and Use of English Part 1 – Multiple choice cloze: Determiners

Teacher's notes and answer key

Ready for Use of English worksheets focus on particular areas of vocabulary and grammar that may be tested in the First examination. They provide extension and/or extra practice of areas covered in the *Ready for First Certificate Coursebook*. They are designed to be used in class or as homework.

Grammar: *some, any, much many, little, few and a lot*

Answers

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- 1 I wanted to buy *some* biscuits, but I didn't have *any* money, so I went home to get *some*.
- 2 Do you have *any* brothers or sisters?
- 3 Would you like *some* sugar?
 - a. In positive sentences, we use *some* before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.
 - b. In negative sentences and questions, we use *any* before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.

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- 1 There are *a lot of* people here. (*many* is possible)
- 2 Patrick didn't have *much* time.
- 3 We haven't seen *many* places yet. (*a lot of* is possible)
- 4 There wasn't *much* point in hanging around.
- 5 Gary doesn't seem to have *many* friends, but his brother has *a lot*.
- 6 The tourist office didn't have *much* information to give us.
 - a. In positive sentences, we use *a lot of* before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.
 - b. In negative sentences and questions, we use *much* before uncountable nouns and *many* before plural countable nouns. However, it is possible to use *a lot (of)*.

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- 1 Well, I've got *a little* time to spare. Shall we go out and grab a coffee?
- 2 There were *few* people at the party, so it was rather boring. We left early.
- 3 Would you mind if I asked you *a few* questions?
- 4 Jon seems to have very *little* luck. Nothing ever goes right for him.
- 5 As there were only *a few* items on the agenda, we finished the meeting early.
- 6 Come on, hurry up. I've got *little* time to spare.
- 7 Frankly, there were only *a few* places left, so we would never have got in even if we'd called earlier.
- 8 We've been back to Turkey *a few* times now, and we always enjoy it.
 - a. We use *little* and *a little* before uncountable nouns.
 - b. We use *few* and *a few* before plural countable nouns.
 - c. *A little* and *a few* express a positive idea, whereas *little* and *few* express a negative idea.
 - d. We say *very little* and *very few*, but only *a little* and *only a few*.

What to expect in the exam

1. A lot
2. C many
3. C few
4. B any
5. D a few
6. C little
7. D no-one
8. A any



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1 Complete the sentences with *some* or *any*.

- 1 I wanted to buy _____ biscuits, but I didn't have _____ money, so I went home to get _____.
- 2 Do you have _____ brothers or sisters?
- 3 Would you like _____ sugar?

Now complete the rules. Use *some* or *any*.

- a. In positive sentences, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.
- b. In negative sentences and questions, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.

2 Complete the sentences with *much, many* or *a lot (of)*.

- 1 There are _____ people here.
- 2 Patrick didn't have _____ time.
- 3 We haven't seen _____ places yet.
- 4 There wasn't _____ point in hanging around.
- 5 Gary doesn't seem to have _____ friends, but his brother has _____.
- 6 The tourist office didn't have _____ information to give us.

Now complete the rules. Use *much, many* or *a lot (of)*.

- a. In positive sentences, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns.
- b. In negative sentences and questions, we use _____ before uncountable nouns and _____ before plural countable nouns. However, it is possible to use _____.

3 Complete the sentences with *little, few, a little* or *a few*.

- 1 Well, I've got _____ time to spare. Shall we go out and grab a coffee?
- 2 There were _____ people at the party, so it was rather boring. We left early.
- 3 Would you mind if I asked you _____ questions?
- 4 Jon seems to have very _____ luck. Nothing ever goes right for him.
- 5 As there were only _____ items on the agenda, we finished the meeting early.
- 6 Come on, hurry up. I've got _____ time to spare.
- 7 Frankly, there were only _____ places left, so we would never have got in even if we'd called earlier.
- 8 We've been back to Turkey _____ times now, and we always enjoy it.



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Now complete the rules. Use *little, few, a little* or *a few*.

- We use _____ and _____ before uncountable nouns.
- We use _____ and _____ before plural countable nouns.
- _____ and _____ express a positive idea, whereas _____ and _____ express a negative idea.
- We say very _____ and very _____, but only _____ and only _____.

What to expect in the exam

Part 1 of the Reading and Use of English Paper focuses mainly on vocabulary. You need to know the meaning, grammar and collocations of a word. This is an area of the exam where the use of expressions of quantity might be checked. Try the example of Part 1 of the exam below.

Part 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (s).

Example: A number **B few** C quantity D several

The meeting

We were surprised that quite a **(0)** _____ people turned up at the meeting. We knew that there were a **(1)** _____ of people opposed to foxhunting in the village, but we didn't think that **(2)** _____ would be prepared to come out on a cold, wet Wednesday evening. Walter spoke for a **(3)** _____ moments about what the committee had been doing during the past month, then we asked whether there were **(4)** _____ questions from the audience. A young man, who was sitting **(5)** _____ seats back from the front, pushed his chair back, stood up, and said that there was very **(6)** _____ point in having meetings if **(7)** _____ was prepared to take **(8)** _____ sort of action.

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| 1 | A lot | B many | C few | D little |
| 2 | A much | B lot | C many | D lot of |
| 3 | A little | B several | C few | D some |
| 4 | A a | B any | C much | D a lot of |
| 5 | A a number | B a little | C number | D a few |
| 6 | A few | B small | C little | D minor |
| 7 | A someone | B everyone | C anyone | D no-one |
| 8 | A any | B many | C a lot of | D several |