A few, Few, A little, Little Exercise

- A few - countables / positive meaning ⇒ We’ve got a lettuce and a few tomatoes
- Few - countables / negative meaning ⇒ Few people in my street recycle their rubbish
- A little - uncountables / positive meaning ⇒ I normally have a little wine with my lunch
- Little - uncountables / negative meaning ⇒ I have little time for rude people

A Fill the gaps with a few, few, a little or little.

1 ................. people came to see the play. It was rather sad.
2 Come on! We've still got ................. time left to finish this.
3 Jordi gave very ................. reasons for closing down the bar.
4 With time and ................. patience, you'll forget her and be happy again.
5 He's not a good teacher. He's unimaginative and has very ................. patience with children.
6 ................. of that group's songs are excellent but I don't really like most of their music.
7 I've been to that Asturian restaurant ................. times. It's good.
8 ................. people ever learn how to dance properly. It's such a shame.
9 Very ................. people went to see that film. I don't know why. It's excellent.
10 I have ................. time for people who talk about themselves all the time and never listen to anyone else.
11 I normally have ................. red wine with my lunch. It's good for you.
12 Dress the salad with salt, pepper and ................. olive oil.
13 I've got 20 Euros and ................. coins. That should be enough for tonight.
14 His computer needs cleaning. He takes very ................. care of it.

B Now make up a few examples of your own.

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Answers

1. Few people came to see the play. It was rather sad.
2. Come on! We've still got a little time left to finish this.
3. Jordi gave very few reasons for closing down the bar.
4. With time and a little patience, you'll forget her and be happy again.
5. He's not a good teacher. He's unimaginative and has very little patience with children.
6. A few of that group's songs are excellent but I don't really like most of their music.
7. I've been to that Asturian restaurant a few times. It's good.
8. Few people ever learn how to dance properly. It's such a shame.
9. Very few people went to see that film. I don't know why. It's excellent.
10. I have little time for people who talk about themselves all the time and never listen to anyone else.
11. I normally have a little red wine with my lunch. It's good for you.
12. Dress the salad with salt, pepper and a little olive oil.
13. I've got 20 Euros and a few coins. That should be enough for tonight.
14. His computer needs cleaning. He takes very little care of it.