



## 09 LEVEL 2

### A LITTLE A FEW A BIT

I have a few questions...

- Sarah: Wentworth, do you have a little time? I have a few questions. I only need a little information.
- Wentworth: I have a little time so we can talk. What's the matter?
- Sarah: I want to ask about the trip. Where are we going?
- Wentworth: We are going to California. From San Diego to San Francisco via Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.
- Sarah: How long are we staying?
- Wentworth: We are still discussing the duration of the stay.
- Sarah: I am asking because I need to let my boss know as soon as I can so that he can take it into account and plan the different shifts.
- Wentworth: For now, we think the stay should be less than 10 days.
- Sarah: How much will it cost?
- Wentworth: For now, we're not sure yet. We thought about travelling Utah and Nevada as well but we might stick to California only. It's a bit of a hassle to schedule every outing. We try to keep the expenses low.
- Sarah: Will we be sightseeing all day?
- Wentworth: No. Do not worry. You will have a little free time to enjoy the city by yourself. We are trying to reserve 2 free hours in every town we're going to visit. Sarah, I will reconfirm the details to you and the class asap?
- Sarah: Asap? What does 'asap' mean?
- Wentworth: Asap is an acronym.
- Sarah: What does it stand for?
- Wentworth: As soon as possible!
- Sarah: Of course. Thanks for your time. Have a nice day!
- Wentworth: Good day to you!



I have a few questions...	should
A little + uncountable	Less than +(duration)
time	HOW MUCH... ?
A few + countable	To cost
only	Not yet
To need	To think/thought/thought
Information (=uncountable in English, always singular !)	To travel= to visit
so	As well=also
CAN	But=yet
To talk	MIGHT
'What's the matter?'	'to stick to...'
A matter	A bit (of)
To ask	A hassle 'it's a hassle'
About...	To schedule
A trip	An outing
where	every
To go	To try (to+ verb)
California (no article !)	To keep



From (origin)... To(destination) ... (in space and time)	low
'via'	'To keep... low'
How long=how much time	An expense
To stay	To sightsee=to visit
still	'all day'
To discuss <i>something</i>	To worry
The duration	Do not worry= don't worry
A stay	To enjoy
To ask	By one's self=alone
because	To reserve
To need to+ verb	An hour
A boss	A town
To let <i>someone</i> know= To inform= to notify	To (re)confirm
'as soon as... '	A detail
'so that + subject + modal'	To mean
To take into account	An acronym
To plan	To stand for
A shift	'as soon as possible'
'for now'	'of course'

#### I.Grammar:

##### A LITTLE / AFEW

When we want to refer to a small quantity we use A LITTLE or A FEW

##### 1/ A LITTLE

We use A LITTLE with uncountable nouns(always SINGULAR). The quantity is limited but sufficient. It has a positive meaning.

Example: I have a little time so we can discuss a bit

Here are some very common uncountable nouns :

accommodation, equipment, furniture, hair , homework, information, luggage,meat, money time, travel,trouble

##### 2/ A FEW

We use A FEW with plural nouns (=countable). It does not represent a large number but it is sufficient. It has a positive meaning.

Example: I have a few books on the subject.

They work with a few companies



### 3/ A BIT

a) We commonly use a bit to describe an action.

Example: He drinks a bit

b) We can also use it like A LITTLE. In this case, we use the phrase **A BIT OF** with an uncountable noun.

Example: He drinks coffee with **a bit of** sugar

## II. Vocabulary: Questions review

For yes-no questions, we ask with the auxiliary or modal:

Auxiliary/Modal + subject + verb ?

Example: **DO** you HAVE a little time? Yes, I do/ No, I don't

**WILL** we BE sightseeing all day? Yes, I will/ No, I won't

For a thing, we ask with the WH question **WHAT**:

WHAT + Auxiliary/Modal + subject (+ verb) ?

Example: What's the matter?

For a location, we ask with the WH question **WHERE**:

WHERE + Auxiliary/Modal + subject + verb ?

Example: Where are we going?

For a price, , we ask with the WH question **HOW MUCH**:

HOW MUCH (+ uncountable noun) + Auxiliary/Modal + subject + verb ?

Example: How much will it cost? =(how much money will it cost?)

For a duration, we ask with **HOW LONG**

HOW LONG + Auxiliary/Modal + subject + verb ?

Example: How long are we staying?