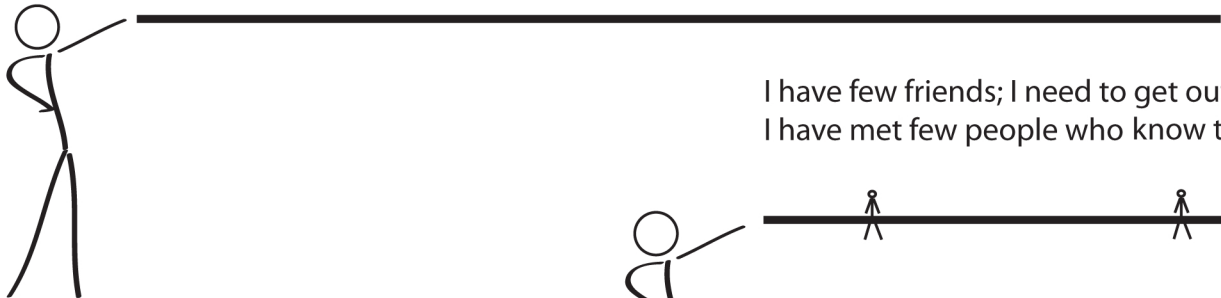


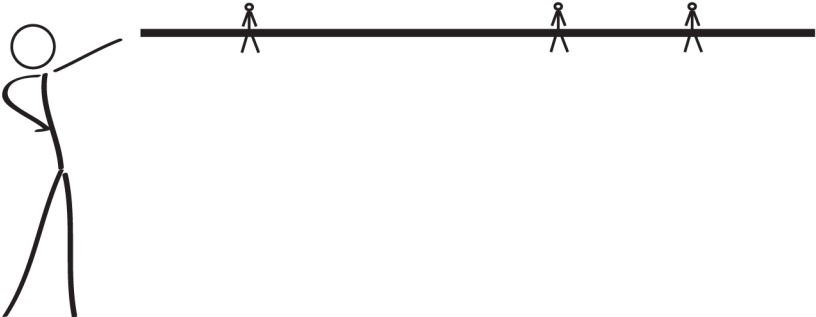
The difference between **a little / a few** and **little / few** is in the perception of time.

With the indefinite article, the adjective limits the statement to the current context rather than in general

I have little time these days.
I have little trouble with such things.



I have few friends; I need to get out more often.
I have met few people who know the answer to that.



I have **a** little time to spare;
how can I help you?
I have **a** few minutes to spare
(at this moment).
I am having **a** little trouble
with this; can you help me?

I have **a** few friends
that come here often.
I have **a** few friends
who know about this place.