

Determiner Hunt Editing Answer Key

Corrected Paragraph:

At the new community garden, there are **fewer flowers** blooming this season. The gardeners planted **less soil** than last year because of heavy rain. Mrs. Green brought **less water** to fill the watering cans, and there were **fewer tools** for everyone to use. The children picked **fewer apples** from the trees, but they found **less honey** dripping from the hives. Later, they noticed there was **less sunlight** and **fewer bees** flying around.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Helps students practice editing for correct determiner use by distinguishing **countable nouns** (use *fewer*) and **uncountable nouns** (use *less*).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For struggling learners, review the difference between countable and uncountable nouns using classroom examples (e.g., pencils vs. water).
 - Allow students to underline nouns first before deciding which determiner fits.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn this into a "Grammar Detective Challenge." Students work in pairs to highlight and correct each mistake.
 - Read the paragraph aloud dramatically with intentional errors, and let students call out "Error!" when they spot one.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Ask students to write their own short paragraph with five intentional *fewer/less* mistakes for a partner to edit.
 - Challenge higher-level students to explain the reasoning behind each correction in a sentence ("We say fewer flowers because flowers can be counted").