Positive Picks

Directions: Read each pair of sentences carefully. Circle the letter of the one that sounds **more positive** in tone. Listen to how **little**, **a little**, and **the little** can change the feeling of what's being said.



- 1. a. We have **little** time to finish the experiment.
 - b. We have a little time to finish the experiment.
- 2. a. She has **little** hope of passing the exam.
 - b. She has a little hope of passing the exam.
- 3. a. The little money he saved helped him buy a new backpack.
 - b. He has **little** money saved for his backpack.
- 4. a. There is a little light coming through the window.
 - b. There is little light coming through the window.
- 5. a. We had little food and didn't want to share it.
 - b. The little food we had was shared with everyone.
- 6. a. She made a little progress on her painting today.
 - b. She made little progress on her painting today.
- 7. a. I have **little** energy left to finish this essay.
 - b. The little energy I have left will go toward finishing this essay.
- 8. a. They offered a little help during cleanup time.
 - b. They offered little help during cleanup time.
- 9. a. The little time we had together meant a lot.
 - b. We had **little** time together, and it didn't matter much.
- 10.a. He showed little patience with the younger players.
 - b. He showed a little patience with the younger players.

