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Using the Words Less & Fewer

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If you can count the items, use the word **fewer**.

If the items are not countable, use the word less.

examples: There are _____ oranges in the

bowl, now that you have eaten some.

My glass has _____ orange juice

than yours.





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- **4.** The swimming pool has _____ water than it did last week.
- **5.** There were ______ students absent from class today.
- **6.** This bedroom has space than we need.
- 7. This tomato plant has ______ tomatoes than that plant.
- 8. Nate weighs _____ than Joey.
- 9. A small car uses _____ gasoline than a large one.
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