

# WHAT

We can use “**what**” as a determiner before a plural or uncountable noun in nominal relative clauses. When we use “**what**” in this way, it means “all the”, but suggests that it's not very much:

- She keeps **what books** she has in the attic.
- **What information** I have suggests that he's OK.
- I gave her **what comfort** I could.

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I did **what little** I could to help.



## what little (also the little (that)):

Used on its own or before uncountable nouns to mean “the small amount” of something.

- We did **what little** we could to help.
- I handed over **what little** money I had left.
- I spent **what little** time I had with my family.

I gave him **what few** coins I had.



## what few (also the few... (that)):

Used before plural and countable nouns to mean “the small number” of something.

- They packed **what few** belongings they had.
- **What few** visitors we have are always made welcome.
- They failed to make the most of **what few** chances came their way.