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:

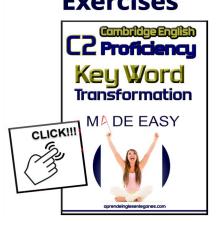
- She keeps what books she has in the attic.
- What information I have suggests that he's OK.
- I gave her what comfort I could.



Way Word

Transformation

Exercises





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.



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.