

smattering['smæt(ə)rɪŋ] *n*

- поверхностное знание
to acquire a smattering of Greek - получить кое-какое представление о греческом языке
- небольшая группка, кучка
a smattering of spectators - кучка зрителей

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

smat·ter·ing [smattering smatterings] *BrE* ['smætərɪŋ] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['smætərɪŋ] [ⓘ]**noun singular ~ (of sth)**

a small amount of sth, especially knowledge of a language

- He only has a smattering of French.

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from smatter 'talk ignorantly, prate' (surviving in Scots), of unknown origin.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

smat·ter·ing /'smætərɪŋ/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] *noun* [singular]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: smatter 'to splash, talk with little knowledge' (15-19 centuries)]

- a small number or amount of something

smattering of

[ⓘ]
a smattering of applause

- have a smattering of something** to have a small amount of knowledge about a subject, especially a foreign language

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