Check 1 Nouns, determiners, articles

1 Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Violet Jessop was a stewardess on the White Star Line for (1) ..... years in the 1900s. In 1911 she was serving on the *Olympic* when it collided with another ship, *HMS Hawke*. (2) ..... ships were damaged but fortunately, (3) ..... on either ship lost their lives.

The following year Violet was serving on the *Titanic* when it struck an iceberg and sank. As we know, (4) ..... the passengers and (5) ..... lost their lives but Violet survived. In 1916, during (6) ..... First World War, Violet was working as a Red Cross nurse aboard *HMS Britannic* when it also sank after striking a mine. (7) ..... of those on board died. Violet was washed overboard and hit by one of (8) ..... ship's propellers but she managed to save (9) ..... by grabbing on to a life jacket as it floated past her.

Violet had never learned to swim. (10) ..... might say that Violet had (11) ..... luck because she was involved in three disasters at sea. On the other hand, for a non-swimmer with a career on the sea, it could be said she had (12) ..... of luck!

1	A plenty	B many of	C several	D several of
2	A Both	B Each	C Either	D Neither
3	A someone	B anyone	C no one	D everyone
4	A many	B many of	C much	D much of
5	A crew	B crews	C crew's	D a crew
6	A a	B some	C any	D the
7	A A great deal	B A large number	C A little	D Much
8	A a	B some	C any	D the
9	A her	B herself	C it	D –
10	A One	B Oneself	C She	D Herself
11	A few	B a few	C little	D a little
12	A enough	B much	C a large number	D a great deal

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Complete the conversations. Use one word in each gap.

A: Have you got any money for the groceries?
B: I've got £50.
A: That's (27) ..... ! We only need bread and milk.

A: I didn't understand (28) ..... Johan said. Did you?
B: No, but don't pay (29) ..... attention to him. Sometimes he (30) ..... doesn't know what he means.

A: Where has (31) ..... gone?
B: Home. They left a couple of hours ago.

A: Is the job finished yet?
B: Yes, (32) ..... the work has been done.

PRACTICE

9a Circle the correct answer.

0 A: Have you heard *the news of yesterday* / (*yesterday's news*) about the plane crash?
B: No. Where did it happen?

1 A: I've only read *the book's first chapter* / *the first chapter of the book* so far.
B: Keep going. It's a really interesting story.

2 A: Are you going to *Jane's and Mark's* / *Jane and Mark's* wedding on Saturday?
B: No, we're going to *Nathan and Alison's* / *Nathan's and Alison's*. They're *friends of my parent's* / *friends of my parents'*.

3 A: Have you got *the front door's key* / *the key of the front door* in your bag?
B: No. Haven't you got it?

4 **A:** I've got a toothache. I have to go to *the dentist's / the dentists'*.
B: Good luck. When I tried to make an appointment, I had to wait for three weeks.

5 **A:** Do you know what *the university's policy on handing in late assignments / the policy on handing in late assignments of the university* is?
B: No, but why don't you ask the secretary?

9b Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets.

0 I'm going to my ....*aunt's house*.... tonight. It's her eightieth birthday. (aunt / house)

1 The ..... to the film was positive. (audience / reaction)

2 Yesterday we celebrated my ..... . (parents / wedding anniversary)

3 They've closed the ..... for refurbishment. (women / changing room)

4 We spent the weekend at my ..... . It's a lovely place. (friend / cottage)

5 ..... are predicted to be even higher than ..... . (next year / sales figures, this year)

6 ..... is going to Leeds University next year. (James / daughter)

7 The ..... gave each child a small present. (boys / teacher)

8 The ..... are well known. (city / problems of crime and unemployment)

9 I'm taking ..... in ..... . (two weeks / holiday, a week / time)

10 Don't pull the ..... . It's cruel and besides, the dog might bite you. (dog / tail)

12b Re-write the sentences. Put the words in brackets in the correct position.

0 We all know that if we eat and exercise, we will maintain an ideal weight. (healthily, regularly)
We all know that if we eat healthily and exercise regularly, we will maintain an ideal weight.

1 As we become busier, many of us don't have the time to eat or exercise as often as we should. (at home and at work, sensibly)

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2 Many fashionable diets promise you will see results without working to achieve them. (quickly, hard)

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3 However, these diets involve cutting out certain types of food. (often, completely)

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4 Many diet pills which advertisers claim have been tested are either dangerous or ineffective. (scientifically)

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5 In fact, the only way to lose weight is to eat less and exercise more. (safely and permanently)

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13c Complete the memo. Use the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

MEMO

The company's annual report shows that unfortunately, our sales figures were (0) ..... *lower* ..... (low) than those for the previous year. This is no surprise but what is (1) ..... (alarming) is that a number of our (2) ..... (old) clients have switched to another supplier. We are aware that there are (3) ..... (expensive) suppliers than ourselves but cost may not be (4) ..... (important) factor in our clients' decision to switch suppliers. One former client, for example, has said that their new supplier is not only (5) ..... (efficient) but also offers a (6) ..... (good) all-round service. Reports like these are (7) ..... (worrying) than anything else. If we cannot compete (8) ..... (effectively), then we will not survive. We have to make every effort to convince our clients that we can still give them (9) ..... (good) value for their money than anyone else.

PRACTICE

14a Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in brackets.

0 He's driving ..... *much more quickly than* ..... he should. (much / quickly)

1 Football is ..... sport in Europe today. (by far / popular)

2 My car is ..... yours but I think it's a ..... car. (not / expensive, good)

3 I don't have ..... you but I'm ..... . (nearly / much / money, far / happy)

4 Ted got ..... Valerie did. (same / mark)

5 Audrey's personality is ..... her brother's. (very similar)

6 The house looks ..... the way it looked before it was painted. (completely / different)

7 He cared ..... and ..... about the band and eventually he decided to leave. (little, little)

8 ..... I become, ... mistakes I seem to make. (old, many)