

# 1 GRAMMAR uncountable and plural nouns

a Circle the correct answers. Tick (✓) if both answers are possible.

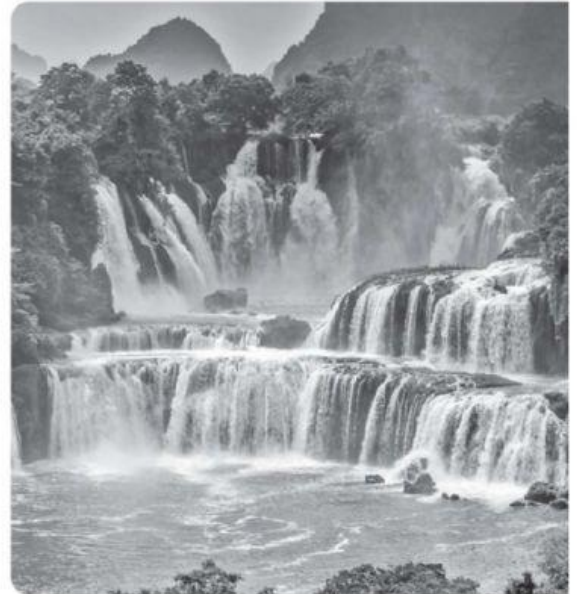
- 1 Can I have a *piece of bread* / *some bread*, please? ✓
- 2 My grandmother suffers from *(bad health)* / *a bad health*. ■
- 3 I've bought a *new piece of furniture* / *some new furniture* for my living room. ■
- 4 Did we bring a *pair of scissors* / *a scissors*? I want to cut my nails. ■
- 5 I'm looking for a *cheap accommodation* / *some cheap accommodation*. ■
- 6 Jackie is upset because she's had a *bad news* / *some bad news*. ■
- 7 Be careful with that vase – it's made of *glass* / *a glass*. ■
- 8 My girlfriend gave me a *pair of pyjamas* / *some pyjamas* for my birthday. ■
- 9 The teacher gave the boy extra marks for a *good behaviour* / *good behaviour*. ■
- 10 Can you lend me a *paper* / *some paper*? I've left my notebook at home. ■

b Complete the sentences with *is* or *are*.

- 1 My clothes are really wet. I got caught in a thunderstorm.
- 2 Police are investigating the murder of an elderly woman in her home.
- 3 The hotel staff are always really polite and helpful.
- 4 The new research into sleep patterns is fascinating.
- 5 The outskirts of the town are quite run down and a bit depressing.
- 6 The good news is that we're getting married in the spring!
- 7 The flight crew on this plane are very young.
- 8 Politics is really fascinating – particularly for politicians!
- 9 Do you think my belongings are safe in the hotel room?
- 10 The traffic is terrible in the rush hour in the city centre.



c Complete the sentences with information that is true for you.



- 1 The scenery in this area \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The traffic in my area \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 My clothes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The furniture in my home \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The news today \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Politics in my country \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 The weather today \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 My family \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 2 VOCABULARY word building: prefixes and suffixes

- a Complete the sentences with a prefix from the list.

anti auto bi mega mis mono  
multi over post sub under



- 1 Some of the residents of megacities live in sub standard housing of very poor quality.
- 2 There was a food shortage in many countries during the \_\_\_\_\_-war period between 1946 and 1960.
- 3 Hundreds of fans were waiting for the singer, hoping to get an \_\_\_\_\_ graph.
- 4 My English teacher recommends us to use a \_\_\_\_\_ lingual dictionary – one that is only in English.
- 5 My colleagues are always complaining that they are \_\_\_\_\_ worked and \_\_\_\_\_ paid. They say they work long hours and are badly paid.
- 6 The leader of the protest used a \_\_\_\_\_ phone to make himself heard.
- 7 You couldn't miss Sandra – she was the one in the \_\_\_\_\_ coloured coat. It was green, purple, yellow, and orange, I think.
- 8 The town has just celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ centenary – it was founded 200 years ago.
- 9 The doctor prescribed \_\_\_\_\_ biotics for my brother's chest infection.
- 10 It's a popular \_\_\_\_\_ conception that cold weather can give you a cold. This is simply not true.

- b Complete the sentences. Add *-able*, *-ful*, *-less*, or *-proof* to a word from the list.

break bullet care drink home hope use water

- 1 Is there anything breakable in this box?
  - 2 Be \_\_\_\_\_ crossing that road – there's always a lot of traffic.
  - 3 Don't forget to take a \_\_\_\_\_ jacket with you when you go walking in Scotland.
  - 4 This \_\_\_\_\_ gadget opens jars for people who have no strength in their hands.
  - 5 Harry became \_\_\_\_\_ when he was made redundant and could no longer pay his rent.
  - 6 The police officer wasn't injured because he was wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ vest.
  - 7 Is the tap water \_\_\_\_\_ in this area?
  - 8 It's \_\_\_\_\_ asking the boss for a pay rise – the company is losing money.
- c Complete the sentences with the noun form of the word in brackets.
- 1 I borrowed the money with the intention of giving it back to you. (intend)
  - 2 His greatest \_\_\_\_\_ is his inability to express his feelings. (weak)
  - 3 I was away for six months, and there were many changes in my \_\_\_\_\_. (absent)
  - 4 If you witness an act of \_\_\_\_\_, you are advised to call the police. (vandal)
  - 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the greatest problems the elderly have to face. (lonely)
  - 6 Teachers are trying to fight \_\_\_\_\_ in schools throughout the country. (race)
  - 7 Most of her problems are the result of a very unhappy \_\_\_\_\_. (child)
  - 8 The best thing about our hotel was that it provided \_\_\_\_\_ in the evenings. (entertain)
  - 9 There's been a great \_\_\_\_\_ in public transport recently. (improve)
  - 10 There's a shortage of rented \_\_\_\_\_ where I live. (accommodate)
  - 11 What's the \_\_\_\_\_ between Rome and Venice? (distant)
  - 12 Gandhi was a humanist who believed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of man. (brother)



d Complete the second sentence with the noun form of the **bold** word in the first sentence.

- 1 I **believe** that house prices are going to rise.  
It's my belief that house prices are going to rise.
- 2 The staff were shocked when their boss **died**.  
The staff were shocked at the \_\_\_\_\_ of their boss.
- 3 You shouldn't go out when it's **hot** in the day.  
You shouldn't go out during the \_\_\_\_\_ of the day.
- 4 You need to measure how **wide** the windows are.  
You need to measure the \_\_\_\_\_ of your windows.
- 5 I can't believe you're still **hungry** after that huge meal.  
I can't believe that huge meal didn't satisfy your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The company may **lose** financially on this deal.  
The company might make a financial \_\_\_\_\_ on this deal.
- 7 Do you know how **high** Mount Everest is?  
Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mount Everest?
- 8 I don't like to **think** of you walking home alone.  
I don't like the \_\_\_\_\_ of you walking home alone.
- 9 After his illness, they gave him soup to make him **strong** again.  
After his illness, they gave him soup to build up his \_\_\_\_\_ again.
- 10 The dinner party was very **successful**.  
The dinner party was a great \_\_\_\_\_.



### 3 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the list.

a lack of delivers echoes head home perks  
sparsely-populated sprawling state-of-the-art



- 1 Mongolia is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world - there are only one or two people per square kilometre.
- 2 I have a long commute, so I always \_\_\_\_\_ straight after work.
- 3 One of the \_\_\_\_\_ of city life is the numerous entertainment options.
- 4 In many big cities there's \_\_\_\_\_ green spaces to walk or just sit and relax.
- 5 The design of the town hall \_\_\_\_\_ that of a palace.
- 6 Our new home \_\_\_\_\_ on comfort but looks out on an industrial estate.
- 7 Los Angeles is recognized as the most \_\_\_\_\_ city in the US because it covers such a large area of land.
- 8 The company has just launched a new line of \_\_\_\_\_ computers.

### 4 PRONUNCIATION word stress with prefixes and suffixes

a Underline the main stressed syllable in the words in the list. Then put them in the correct column.

an|ti|so|cial bi|lin|gual con|ve|ni|ence en|ter|tain|ment  
ex|cite|ment friend|li|ness go|vern|ment ig|no|rance  
o|ver|crow|ded po|ver|ty re|duc|tion un|em|ploy|ment

| Stress on first syllable | Stress on second syllable | Stress on third syllable |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          |                           | antisocial               |
|                          |                           |                          |
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b 9.2 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the words.