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Spelling: one word or two?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a More than 20% of the work force is unemployed.
b More than 20% of the workforce is unemployed.
- 2 a There are alot of artists living in this district.
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Compounds which are written as one word include:

- countryside, hairstyle, lifespan, lifestyle, website, wildlife, workforce, workplace
- misuse, outbreak, outcome, outside, overall, overcome
- anybody, everyone, everything, someone, sometimes
- furthermore, moreover, nowadays, throughout, whereas

Compounds which are written with a hyphen include:

- make-up, well-being
- twenty-four, thirty-five, etc.

Phrases which are written as separate words include:

- Young people often spend **a lot** of money on clothes.
- **In fact**, levels of pollution have decreased in the past five years.
- She still smokes, **even though** she knows it's bad for her health.

☆ **Maybe** his plane has been delayed. (= an adverb meaning *perhaps*)

I suspect the main reason for the change **may be** financial. (= a verb phrase)

2 Correct the mistake below.



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3 Correct any errors in the compounds and phrases in the sentences below.

- 1 80% of women said they were satisfied, where as only 60% of men were happy.
- 2 The room was clean and every thing was neatly arranged.
- 3 Many of the problems are due to changes in lifestyle.
- 4 Our main concern is for the health and well being of all our residents.
- 5 They fled the country just before the outbreak of the civil war.
- 6 He carried out research into the life-span of people living in the country side.
- 7 May be learning a foreign language in school should be compulsory.
- 8 The charity runs twenty six hostels spread throug out the country.