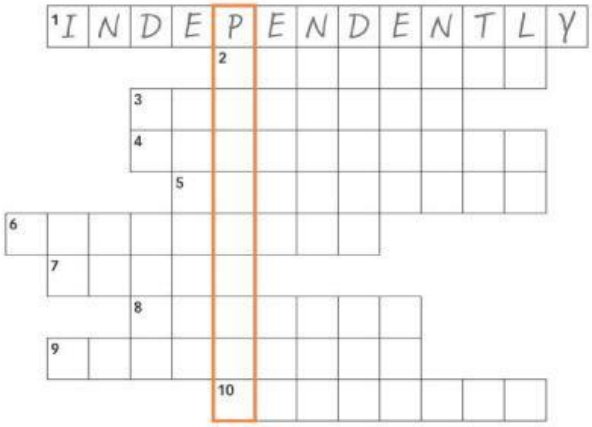
6.2 Alone or together?

Vocabulary housing and living

1 Answer the clues to complete the acrostic. If all the answers are correct, another word from the unit will appear in the orange box.



1 Do something in a way that doesn't depend on someone else.
2 A person who lives in a particular place.
3 In a way that covers or affects the whole world.
4 Not together.
5 A supply of something that you have and can use.
6 Helped and encouraged.
7 A change from one situation to another.
8 Belonging to or for the use of a particular person or group only.
9 All the people living together in a house or flat.
10 In a way that is connected with activities which involve people meeting each other for pleasure.

2 Choose the best options to complete the sentences.

1 This company could get much bigger. We need to start thinking *globally* / *separately*.
2 The hotel has excellent conference *facilities* / *resources*, with free Wi-fi and large meeting rooms.
3 There has been a *growth* / *shift* in attitude lately; people seem to be becoming more tolerant.
4 It's important that older people can continue to live *independently* / *socially* for as long as possible.
5 He owns a number of *properties* / *households* in several different countries.
6 Los Angeles has many famous *residents* / *households*.

3 Complete the text with words from exercises **1** and **2**. The first letter is given.

Unusual retirement communities

There has been a noticeable [1] s*hift* in the choices available to older people who are still young and fit enough to live [2] i_____, but who would like to feel a little more [3] s_____. Increasingly, many of these people are choosing to live in retirement communities with others who share similar interests, cultures or values. (A retirement 'community' is not a care home, but a place where older people live together, with some healthcare provided.)

For example, Lasell Village in Massachusetts, USA, requires every [4] r_____ to participate in 450 hours of education a year. The village shares educational [5] f_____ with Lasell College, so the quality of education on offer is very high.

Another innovative American retirement community, Aegis Gardens, caters specifically for Asian Americans, with Chinese-speaking staff, regular t'ai chi classes, Chinese medicine and so on.

But is this something which is happening [6] g_____? Well, retirement communities are still largely a European and American phenomenon, but there is some evidence of a [7] g_____ in this type of community worldwide.

STUDY TIP Many words in English are used as different parts of speech. For example, *resident* can be a noun and an adjective, and *shift* can be a noun and a verb. Make a note of the word class when you record words in your vocabulary notebooks and note if the stress changes when it is pronounced.

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Grammar using determiners and quantifiers

4 Complete the table with the words and phrases in the box. Some words and phrases will go in both columns.

a few a great deal of a large quantity of a little
a lot of a number of any few hundreds of little
~~many~~ much several some

Countable	Uncountable
many	

5 Replace the underlined words with another word or phrase from exercise **4** which has a similar meaning. Make any other necessary changes.

1 There were hundreds of people in the square. many
2 I only want a small quantity of sugar. I don't like it too sweet. _____
3 He bought a great deal of white paint – enough to decorate the whole house. _____
4 I recognized a number of people in the room. _____
5 Not many foreigners are able to speak Mandarin Chinese well. _____
6 I have no time at all next week. _____
7 He doesn't have a lot of money. _____

6 Choose the correct options to complete the article.

A Servant's Life

[1] *Millions of* / *Much* people around the world have enjoyed watching *Downton Abbey*, a TV series set in an Edwardian country house. But in reality, the life of a servant at that time was terribly hard. Most servants worked sixteen hours a day, with one afternoon off a week, which didn't leave them with [2] *much* / *a few* free time. But then again, they didn't earn [3] *a number of* / *a great deal of* money either, and there was very [4] *a little* / *little* to spend it on.

Many of them would sleep in the kitchen. Only [5] *a few* / *a little* were lucky enough to have proper bedrooms in the attic and, even then, they would nearly always share them with [6] *few* / *several* other servants. Servants were expected to remain as quiet and invisible as possible. One of the rules from a list of the time says: 'Never begin to talk to the ladies or gentlemen unless to deliver a message, and then do it in as [7] *few* / *little* words as possible.'

[8] *Many* / *A large quantity of* servants lost their jobs for breaking the strict rules, for inviting a friend or relative into the house, or for breaking a valuable object. Once this happened, it was almost impossible for them to get [9] *any* / *much* other kind of job, and they would end up stealing or begging on the streets just to survive. It was not until after the First World War that conditions improved.

The servants in *Downton Abbey* mostly seem to enjoy their lives, but it is unlikely that their real-life counterparts did.

I can ...

	Very well	Quite well	More practice
talk about housing and living.	○	○	○
understand and use determiners and quantifiers.	○	○	○

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