Exercise 1. Complete each sentence with one of the nouns from the box. Each word is used only once. Change the form of the noun if necessary.

Training	shopping	equipment	behaviour	damage
Help	idea	information	country	time

1. Parents should be responsible for the …… of their children.
2. There's more …… available on our website.
3. The fire caused a lot of …… to the school buildings.
4. Helen came up with some interesting …… for fundraising events.
5. Sports such as golf require expensive …… .
6. Many people do all their …… at the supermarket.
7. She thanked the volunteers for all their …… .
8. All staff receive …… in first aid.
9. I phoned several …… but kept getting a voicemail message.
10. Mail is one of the most sparsely populated …… in the world.

Exercise 2. Are these words countable or uncountable?

Label them C or U.

Computer	advice	hour	aspect	accommodation
Nation	potential	job	heating	paperwork

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Exercise 3. Choose the best verb to complete the comments below.

"When I first (1) *attended/joined* the club, obviously, I wanted to (2) *make/have* a good impression on the coach. I hope that if I train hard, he'll (3) *give/let* me a chance to play in the first team. But I'm (4) *be/being* realistic about things – I know it takes time to reach the top."

"My wife's six months pregnant and I'm really looking forward to (5) *be/being* a father. When she first told me she (6) *was having/has* a baby, it was a bit of a shock; I knew it would (7) *have/make* a huge effect on our lives. But now I've got used to the idea, I (8) *'m/'m being* really excited about it."

"I was quite surprised when we were (9) *given/provided* our timetables at the start of term. We only have to (10) *attend/go to* six lectures a week, so we (11) *have/spend* plenty of time to do other stuff. The course so far has been really interesting and quite challenging without (12) *been/being* too tough."

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences below using the correct form of make, have or give.

1. I think the department has ..... a good start to the year.
2. He didn't ..... much success in persuading her to stay.
3. Lots of people ..... lunch at their desk, usually just a quick sandwich.
4. It's a good way for children to ..... new friends.
5. This sort of behaviour ..... the school a bad name.
6. We have some important decisions to ..... about the future of the business.
7. My parents ..... me a lift to the airport.
8. I'll ..... a word with the receptionist about it.
9. George ..... a nasty comment about her hair.
10. I'll ..... you a ring next week and we can arrange a time to meet.

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Exercise 5. These are all things which man British people do. Which are customs, habits or practices? Label them C, H or P.

1. People usually wear black at a funeral.

2. People often drink coffee with their breakfasts.

3. Families have a decorated fir tree in their house at Christmas.

4. Cafes often offer customers free wi-fi.

5. People dip biscuits in their tea before eating them.

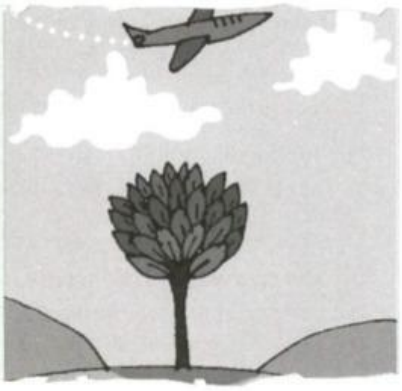
6. Most police officers don't carry guns.

7. People say "Bless you!" when someone sneezes.

8. Young children are vaccinated against a number of diseases.

Exercise 6. Complete the texts below with one preposition in each gap.

The practice (1) ..... planting trees to offset the impact (2) ..... the environment (3) ..... carbon emissions from flights has been criticised by environmental groups. They say that trees planted now will take many years to grow and their benefits will only be noticed (4) ..... a very long period of time. The effects (5) ..... pollution from aircraft are, however, immediate.



Floods are a regular occurrence on the Danube at this time (6) ..... the year, but this spring, the river has reached record levels. Thousands of people in Bulgaria and Romania have had to be evacuated from areas affected (7) ..... the floods. The impact (8) ..... agriculture in the region has also been severe. Although floods have always been a natural part of life, many believe that the current levels of flooding are a consequence (9) ..... human intervention. The practice (10) ..... building on flood plains especially means that excess water has nowhere to go.



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Exercise 7. Match the two halves of the sentences.

1. There will be an inquiry into the behaviour	a. of the time.
2. People don't realise the health consequences	b. of the police at the march.
3. Tourists aren't familiar with the American custom	c. of heavy drinking.
4. The shop was shut down for the duration	d. of trade unions.
5. You should try to get out of the habit	e. of his resignation.
6. The report assesses the potential impact	f. of five to ten years.
7. We have seen the increasing political influence	g. of tipping 20% in restaurants.
8. He works away from home most	h. of adding salt to your food.
9. You pay the loan off gradually over a period	i. of the war.
10. Many were surprised by the timing	k. of climate change.

Exercise 8. Choose the best adjective from the box to complete each sentence.

common	annoying	unsocial	knock-on
serious	big	harmful	bad

1. Cuts to the service could have …….. consequences for disabled people.
2. Nurses are often expected to work …….. hours.
3. People claim the cartoon series is a …….. influence on young people.
4. Always wear sun cream to avoid the …….. effects of the sun.
5. The congestion charge has had a …….. impact on traffic flow in the city.
6. It is…….. practice to include a 10% service charge on the bill.
7. She has the …….. habit of tapping her pen on the desk.
8. The rise in oil prices will have a …….. effect on other industries.

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Exercise 9. Complete the paragraph below with an appropriate noun or adjective in each space. Add any articles (a/an/the) where necessary.

What do we drink?

Bottled water	
Country	**Amount***
1 Italy	155 litres
2 France	146.6 litres
3 Belgium	117.1 litres
4 Switzerland	111.2 litres
5 Germany	109.2 litres
6 Austria	86.5 litres
7 United States	46.8 litres
8 Canada	29.7 litres
9 Ireland	27.1 litres
10 United Kingdom	25.4 litres

Carbonated soft drinks	
Country	**Amount***
1 United States	216 litres
2 Ireland	126 litres
3 Canada	119.8 litres
4 Norway	119.8 litres
5 Belgium	102.9 litres
6 Australia	100.1 litres
7 United Kingdom	96.5 litres
8 Netherlands	96.1 litres
9 New Zealand	84.2 litres
10 Sweden	82.4 litres

*Litres per person per year

The tables show the amount of bottled water and carbonated soft drinks consumed per person per year in countries around the world. Bottled water is most popular in (**example**) ..*Italy*.., with the average (1) ..... drinking 155 litres per year. (2) ..... ranks second with 146.6 litres per person. In fact, the top six countries in terms of consumption of bottled water are all (3)..... . (4) ..... and (5) ..... come next in seventh and eighth positions, with (6) ..... and (7) ..... consuming the least bottled water of the countries mentioned. (8) ..... people only drink an average of 25.4 litres of bottled water a year.

The country which consumes by far the greatest quantity of soft drinks per capita is (9) ..... . (10) ..... drink an average of 216 litres each year. That's almost double the consumption of any other country. Another (11) ..... country, (12) ..... , comes third in the table, while (13) ..... drinkers are ranked at number two, consuming an average of 126 litres annually. (14) ..... drink a slightly higher quantity of soft drinks than (15) ....., at 119.8 and 102.9 litres a year respectively, whereas another (16) ..... country, (17) ....., only just features in the top ten, with the average (18) ..... drinking 82.4 litres a year. The (19) ..... and the (20) ..... drink similar amounts, 96.5 and 96.1 litres per year respectively.

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Exercise 10. Complete each sentence using one of the words from the box in each gap. Use each word only once.

Appearance	communication	communications	female
Females	looks	outlook	women

1. There has been a breakdown in …….. between the two sides in the dispute.

2. In 2019, 220 …….. were elected to the British Parliament, 34% of MPs.

3. A fresh coat of paint can make a huge difference to the …….. of a building.

4. There needs to be better regulation of the …….. industry in the UK.

5. There has been an increase in the proportion of …….. politicians at a local level.

6. He obviously gets his good …….. from his father.

7. The …….. are smaller and have dark brown feathers.

8. I think travelling abroad has really broadened my ……....

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