Countable and uncountable nouns

2 Fill the gaps with *a*, *an*, or *some* where necessary.

1 a) We had ...*some*... delicious food last night.
b) We had ...*a*... delicious meal last night.
2 a) There is ..... beautiful furniture in that shop.
b) There is ..... beautiful table in that shop.
3 a) I'm thirsty. I need ..... drink.
b) I'm thirsty. I need ..... water.
4 a) She's just bought ..... expensive clothes.
b) She's just bought ..... expensive dress.
5 a) They booked ..... room in advance.
b) They booked ..... accommodation in advance.
6 a) The band played ..... lovely song.
b) The band played ..... lovely music.
7 a) We had ..... heatwave last week.
b) We had ..... hot weather last week.
8 a) I can't do this job alone. I need ..... assistant.
b) I can't do this job alone. I need ..... help.
9 a) He has got ..... heavy luggage to carry.
b) He has got ..... heavy suitcase to carry.
10 a) I need ..... cutlery to eat this food with.
b) I need ..... knife and fork to eat this food with.
11 a) She has got ..... important job to do.
b) She has got ..... important work to do.
12 a) He found ..... coin on the ground.
b) He found ..... money on the ground.

6 Underline the correct word.

1 A: I have a Physics exam tomorrow.
B: Oh dear. Physics *is*/***are*** a very difficult subject.
2 A: My office is three miles from my house.
B: Three miles ***is*/*are*** a long way to walk to work.
3 A: My little brother has got measles.
B: Oh dear. Measles ***is*/*are*** quite a serious illness.
4 A: Jane looked nice today, didn't she?
B: Yes. Her clothes ***were*/*was*** very smart.
5 A: I've got two pounds. I'm going to buy a CD.
B: Two pounds ***is*/*are*** not enough to buy a CD.
6 A: The classroom was empty when I walked past.
B: Yes. The class ***was*/*were*** all on a school outing.
7 A: Have you just cleaned the stairs?
B: Yes, so be careful. They ***is*/*are*** very slippery.
8 A: Did you ask John to fix your car?
B: Yes. His advice ***was*/*were*** that I take it to a garage.
9 A: Did you enjoy your holiday?
B: Yes, thank you. The weather ***was*/*were*** wonderful.
10 A: These trousers ***is*/*are*** very old.
B: You should buy a new pair.
11 A: How ***is*/*are*** the company doing lately?
B: Great. We opened up two more branches.
12 A: I am going to travel for two years when I finish school.
B: Two years ***is*/*are*** a long time to be away from home.

4 Cross out the expressions which cannot be used with the nouns, as in the example.

1 There are **several, many, ~~much~~, plenty of, ~~too little~~** things you can do to help.
2 He has met **a couple of , a few, very little, plenty of, too much** interesting people.
3 She earns **few, hardly any, plenty of, several, a great deal of** money.
4 We have got **no, many, lots of, a great deal of, a few** work to do.
5 Don't worry, there's **a little, plenty of, a couple of, many, a lot of** time.
6 **Both, Several, A large quantity of, Plenty of, Too much** students applied for the course.
7 He's got **no, hardly any, a little, some, a small amount of** qualifications.
8 She's got **hardly any, several, a little, a few, a lot of** experience in dealing with customers.
9 There is **too much, a lot of, hardly any, few, several** salt in this soup.
10 There is **a little, many, too much, a great number of, some** traffic on the roads today.

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