

# USE OF ENGLISH 1

1 3.5 Listen to six short recordings. Choose the correct countable or uncountable nouns to complete the sentences.

armchair / furniture	luggage / suitcases	money / pounds
packets / rubbish	skills / training	travel / journey

- 1 The man says the ..... are too heavy to lift.
- 2 The man isn't happy about the ..... that has been left on the bus.
- 3 The woman is asking if her friend had a good .....
- 4 The man thinks their pet shouldn't be sitting on an .....
- 5 The woman can't understand where his ..... has gone.
- 6 The girl is talking about the ..... that she thinks are important.

2 Find the extra word in each sentence.

- 1 I haven't given no much thought to future careers.
- 2 It's a shame that only a few many students attended the course.
- 3 I'm not very hungry so I only want a little bit pasta.
- 4 A job in IT gives you plenty of many opportunities.
- 5 Every few student improved their grades last term.
- 6 I got up late so I had a little time for breakfast before I left.

3 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

What makes a great job?

People's opinions vary, of course, but these are 'plenty / most workers' top 5:

- ✓ **Recognition:** Almost <sup>2</sup>all / every of us want to be told when we've done a good job.
- ✓ **Challenge:** Employees want to develop. A job with <sup>3</sup>any / no challenge will soon have staff looking for vacancies.
- ✓ **Flexibility:** This is high on the list for a great <sup>4</sup>many / several people. It shows the employer has a great <sup>5</sup>plenty / deal of confidence in the employee to work independently.
- ✓ **Variety:** A timetable with <sup>6</sup>little / a little variety soon becomes dull. Even a small change in routine <sup>7</sup>each / all week helps motivation.
- ✓ **Rewards:** Salary is one reward. But there are <sup>8</sup>most / several other ways of rewarding staff: good holidays, free lunches and <sup>9</sup>a few / few staff parties.

DREAM JOB

4 e Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 In my year many students applied to be class representatives.

**LARGE**

In my year ..... students applied to be class representatives.

2 There are few days left for revising before the test.

**TIME**

There ..... left for revising before the test.

3 The school was badly damaged by the storm.

**AMOUNT**

The storm caused ..... to the school.

4 Doing a little revision every day is better than doing twelve hours the night before the test.

**BIT**

It's better ..... revision every day than twelve hours the night before the test.

5 It will be easy for you to pass the test.

**PROBLEM**

You ..... passing the test.

6 You can't deny that all parents want the best education for their children.

**EVERY**

You can't deny that ..... the best education for their children.

5 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

The summer means exam time for 'majority / most teenagers. And for a large <sup>1</sup>number / amount of them that means stress. But what about the parents? Exams can be stressful for them, too. <sup>2</sup>No / None parent likes to see their child anxious, and not <sup>3</sup>all / every parents know how to cope. They want to help and so they jump in with <sup>4</sup>lots of / lot of questions and suggestions. According to a recent study, this is the last thing they should do. Instead, parents should make as <sup>5</sup>few / little interruptions as possible. Bringing in <sup>6</sup>few / a few snacks is a great idea but without asking, 'How's it going?' <sup>7</sup>all / each time.