

## Underline the correct word.

- 1 A: How many biscuits **was/were** there in the tin?  
B: I don't know.
- 2 A: These trousers **is/are** too long.  
B: You must have bought the wrong size.
- 3 A: My hair **is/are** a mess today.  
B: Don't be silly. You look lovely.
- 4 A: I need some new socks.  
B: There **is/are** a new pair in that bag for you.
- 5 A: What happened to that escaped criminal?  
B: The police **is/are** still looking for him.
- 6 A: Did you see Steve at the party?  
B: No. There **was/were** too many other people there.
- 7 A: Do you like my new shoes?  
B: Oh yes. My shoes **is/are** very similar, actually.
- 8 A: I can't stand people who never **do/does** anything for themselves.  
B: Nor can I. No one should depend totally on others.
- 9 A: My shorts **is/are** dirty.  
B: Well, you'll have to wear a skirt.
- 10 A: The stairs in the cathedral **was/were** very steep.  
B: Yes. I was exhausted when I reached the top.

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- 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.



**Fill in *is* or *are*.**

- 1 Be careful! Those scissors ... .. very sharp.
- 2 Maths ..... John's favourite subject at school.
- 3 The police ..... investigating the crime.
- 4 These trousers ..... too big for me.
- 5 The stairs in my house ..... made of wood.
- 6 His new furniture ..... very modern.
- 7 The weather ..... going to be bad this weekend.
- 8 My advice ..... that you get a new job.
- 9 His new clothes ..... very fashionable.
- 10 The team ..... all training hard for Saturday's match.
- 11 The money in the jar ..... for this week's shopping.
- 12 My pyjamas ..... not on my bed. Where ..... they?
- 13 Mumps ..... a childhood disease.
- 14 My luggage ..... in the car already.
- 15 Your hair ..... very long again.
- 16 Tom's gloves ..... made of soft leather.
- 17 The class ..... all working on a project together.
- 18 Athletics ..... my favourite sport.
- 19 My shoes ..... too small for me now.

**Fill in a, an or some where necessary.**

- 1 We booked ... .. room in the Grand Hotel.
  - 2 The police found ..... glass from the broken window on the ground.
  - 3 There is ..... room for five people in my car.
  - 4 She usually drinks ..... glass of orange juice in the morning.
  - 5 There was ..... hair in my soup.
  - 6 I need ..... paper to write my letters on.
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- 7 Her ..... hair is long and blonde.
  - 8 The Eiffel Tower is made of ..... iron.
  - 9 He decided to buy ..... paper to read on the train.
  - 10 I have got ..... iron, but it is very old.



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

- 1 a) We had ... .. delicious food last night.  
b) We had ... .. 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.

**Complete the sentences using the noun in brackets in the singular or plural form and a/an where necessary.**

- 1 He gave me a box of my favourite ...  
(chocolate)
  - 2 His favourite food is ..... (chocolate)
  - 3 She bought ..... on her way to work.  
(paper)
  - 4 He placed all the important ..... in his  
briefcase. (paper)
  - 5 I need some ..... to write this message  
on. (paper)
  - 6 Hurry up! We don't have much ..... (time)
  - 7 She has visited us several ..... this month.  
(time)
  - 8 He has no ....., but he is keen to learn.  
(experience)
  - 9 She had a lot of exciting ..... during her  
travels. (experience)
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- 10 We went for a walk in the ..... after lunch.  
(wood)
  - 11 His desk is made of ..... (wood)
  - 12 Jane is in her ..... reading a book. (room)
  - 13 We have got plenty of ..... for a party  
in here. (room)
  - 14 I am going to have my ..... cut tomorrow. (hair)
  - 15 There was ..... in my soup. (hair)
  - 16 I'm thirsty. I need ..... of water. (glass)
  - 17 Susan only wears her ..... when she  
reads. (glass)
  - 18 This ornament is made of coloured .....  
(glass)
  - 19 Helen bought ..... in the sale at the  
electrical store. (iron)
  - 20 The old gate was made of ..... (iron)