

EXERCISES

1. Give the plural of:

1. wife	11. child	21. roof	31. knife	41. box
2. bus	12. bee	22. thief	32. bamboo	42. class
3. key	13. man	23. tray	33. piano	43. wish
4. lady	14. woman	24. loaf	34. spy	44. fly
5. church	15. brother	25. ox	35. scratch	45. potato
6. pen	16. brush	26. mouse	36. proof	46. handkerchief
7. wolf	17. torch	27. louse	37. ass	47. shelf
8. town	18. life	28. half	38. donkey	48. cliff
9. city	19. axe	29. match	39. inch	49. goose
10. tooth	20. shirt	30. sheep	40. foot	50. fish

2. Which of the following nouns are countable and which are uncountable?

air	darkness	hole	soup
lesson	sunshine	sleep	cream
daytime	music	tennis	shop
dirt	hair	smoke	butter
news	dress	poetry	meat

3. Complete the following sentences with the below nouns in the order given making the noun plural if necessary.

water	road	intelligence	clay	quality
shoe	brush	smoke	carelessness	banana

1. He drank two cups of
2. Two fine new have been built.
3. My two brothers are good at football, but I don't admire their
4. I started work with two balls of
5. I have bought a new pair of
6. The two boxes were full of
7. The from the two fires made me cough.
8. The essay was spoilt by two bad examples of
9. These two people have completely different
10. Mother bought a bunch of yesterday.

4. Which of the underlined part of these sentences is correct?

1. Did you hear noise/ a noise just now?
2. There was somebody in the house because there was light/ a light on inside.

3. What would it be like to travel at the speed of light/a light?
4. I didn't have time/a time for breakfast.
5. We had wonderful time/a wonderful time in Paris.
6. It's very difficult to find a work/job at the moment.
7. They offered me a job because I had a lot of experience/experiences.
8. Haven't I got a paper/any paper to write on.
9. Bad news don't/doesn't make people happy.
10. We had very good weather/a very good weather while we were on holiday.
11. Your hair is/Your hairs are too long. You should have it/ them cut.
12. Let me give you an advice/a piece of advice.
13. The house is built of stone/stones.
14. If you want to know the news, you can read paper/a paper.
15. E-mail is a relative new mean/means of communication.

5. Form compound nouns or word groups express the following phrases. The first one is done as an example

1. A knife for cutting paper =A paper knife
2. A glass for holding wine
3. A box for holding wine
4. A desk for writing at
5. A man whose profession is lending money
6. A machine for washing clothes
7. A wall made of brick
8. A room where you have meals
9. A room in which you sleep
10. A man who gets coal out of the ground

6. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate noun. The first one is done as an example.

1. His job is to put out fires. We call him a fireman.
2. Oh dear, there's a leak in my water pipe; I'll have to call the
3. A woman becomes a on her wedding-day and a thereafter.
4. When a woman becomes engaged, her fiancé refers to her as his
5. Josephine was a celebrated of the French.
6. A man who has never been married is a
7. A woman refers to her husband's father as her
8. George Washington is the first of the United States.
9. A young duck is called a
10. A is a doctor who specializes in treating children's illnesses.