

COUNTABLE AND NON COUNTABLE

Choose the correct option in italics in the following conversation.

A: Ray, I really need your advice about packing for this survival course I'm going on.

B: I can see that! What on earth have you got in that rucksack? You look as if you've got far too (1) *much / many stuff*.

A: I know, but I'm trying to pack something for (2) *every / all possible situation*. For example, I thought I might get bored out in the wild on my own so I've packed (3) *a few / a little books*. Do you think five is too (4) *much / many*?

B: Books?! You won't need (5) *any / some* books where you're going – you'll be concentrating on keeping warm and dry.

A: Oh. Well, how about clothes – I've got (6) *several / much* nice warm jumpers and a (7) *quite a few / a great deal of* pairs of warm trousers.

B: Excellent. You might also need (8) *a little / a couple of* T-shirts in case it gets hot and (9) *a bit of / a few* waterproof layers, in case it rains. But what's this – one, two, three four pairs of shoes?

A: Well, each pair goes with a different pair of trousers.

B: Come on, this isn't a fashion show – all you need is one pair of comfortable shoes and (10) *quite a few / a great deal* more common sense. Have you got (11) *many / some* matches, a map of the area and (12) *very little / a couple of* knives to cut things up with?

A: Oh, I hadn't thought about any of that.