

LESSON 1 Non-count nouns that represent abstract ideas

1 Choose the words or phrases that complete the sentences.

1. (Education / The education) is the most important issue we face.
2. We all hope there will soon be (the peace / peace) in the world.
3. I bought a great book about (the politics / politics) in North America.
4. (A patience / Patience) is a valuable quality; it helps us cope with the difficulties of (the life / life).
5. I can't go to the movies tonight. I have too much (works / work).
6. When there is a good court system, it helps ensure (a justice / justice).
7. A banker can give you (advice / advices) on (investment / the investment).
8. The Internet is a great source of (information / informations).
9. This is a terrible waste of (the time / time)!
10. We are making (a progress / progress) against (the poverty / poverty).

2 Complete each statement with the correct verb.

1. Help ___ on the way!
a. are b. is

2. Politics _____ lots of arguments.
a. cause b. causes
3. Time ___ a problem for everyone.
a. are b. is
4. Health ___ more important than money.
a. are b. is
5. Should the government _____ all citizens to vote?
a. require b. requires
6. No news ___ good news.
a. are b. is
7. Controversial issues _____ sometimes difficult to discuss with a group of people.
a. are b. is
8. Success _____ from hard work.
a. come b. comes
9. Information about weather emergencies _____ from many sources.
a. come b. comes
10. Education _____ opportunities for many people.
a. create b. creates

LESSON 2 Verbs followed by objects and infinitives

1 Choose the correct word or phrase to complete

each sentence.

1. Jennie persuaded _____ to the movies with her.
a. me to go b. me go c. go
2. The president's speech caused _____ about the problem of poverty.
a. to think b. us to think c. think
3. My sister always encourages _____ a good breakfast.
a. her children to eat b. to eat c. eat
4. We decided _____ the new film.
a. see b. our friends to see c. to see
5. I always remind _____ .
a. to vote b. my husband to vote c. vote
6. The government allows _____ certain things when we travel to other countries.
a. to import b. citizens to import c. import
7. They planned _____ at the new Italian restaurant at the airport.
a. eat b. to eat c. us to eat
8. Our family won't be able to manage _____ on time.
a. itself to arrive b. arrive c. to arrive
9. She appeared _____ the play.
a. like b. to like c. liking

2 Unscramble the words to make sentences. Add *to* where necessary.

1. wait / can't / I / see you

I can't wait to see you.

2. play / are / the piano / both learning / My children

_____.

3. are / be happy / Never / pretend / sad / when / you

_____.

4. Shelley / law school / from / hopes / graduate / next year

_____.

5. buy / can't afford / It's / I / a new car / too bad

_____.

6. the late show / They / go / to / agreed

_____.