

APROXIMATION

Name: _____

A. Match the two halves of the sentence.

1 About a hundred or	a , more or less.
2 A hundred	b -odd tourists visited.
3 In the region	c so tourist visited.
4 Something	d a hundred tourists visited.
5 A hundred tourists visited	e like a hundred tourists visited.
6 A little over	f of a hundred tourists visited.

B. Complete the sentences with the words or parts of words in the box.

-ish	just	kind of	like	odd	so	some
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- 1 About fifty or _____ people work in my company.
- 2 Have you seen a small box? It's square _____ with a _____ metal lid.
- 3 We must have _____ idea about where it is.
- 4 They say about three hundred-_____ people turned out to watch the fireworks.
- 5 At sixty-nine kilometres per hour, we were _____ under the speed limit.
- 6 Something _____ four billion people watched the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

C. Make these sentences less precise by replacing the bold nouns with **stuff**, **thing** or **things**.

- 1 Can you pick up all your **toys**, please? _____
- 2 What's all this **juice** on the floor? _____
- 3 Pull that **lever** at the side of the machine. _____
- 4 There's a pile of your **clothes** that needs washing. _____
- 5 This jar has purple **chemicals** inside it. _____
- 6 I have so many little jobs to do today. _____

Remember!!!

Thing for countable nouns

Stuff for uncountable nouns

D. Complete the description of a place in England with the missing approximation words or parts of words.

Of all the 1 _____ that people associate with England, Stonehenge is probably one of the best-known. It's become a 2 _____ of symbol of pre-historic England.

However, in 3 _____ parts of England you'll also find other standing stone monuments; in fact, only thirty minutes or 4 _____ up the road from Stonehenge, there are the stone circles of Avebury. Like Stonehenge, the stones at Avebury are grey 5 _____ in colour. However, the circles at Avebury cover an area of well 6 _____ twelve hectares so the site is much bigger than Stonehenge. Originally, there would have been something 7 _____ 400 standing stones and it is estimated they took in the 8 _____ of 1.5 million man hours to construct.

