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Super cities

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A city is a large community where people are lonely together.
Herbert Prochnow, US banking executive

1 GRAMMAR uncountable and plural nouns

a Circle the correct answers. Tick (✓) if both answers are possible.

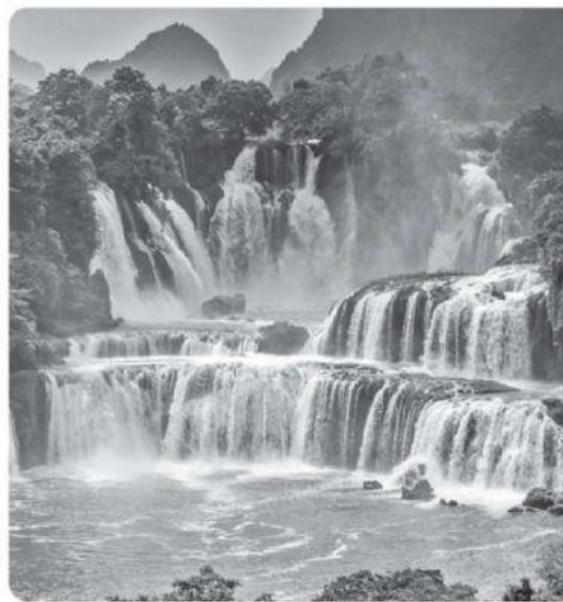
- 1 Can I have a piece of bread / some bread, please? ✓
- 2 My grandmother suffers from bad health / a bad health.
- 3 I've bought a new piece of furniture / some new furniture for my living room.
- 4 Did we bring a pair of scissors / a scissors? I want to cut my nails.
- 5 I'm looking for a cheap accommodation / some cheap accommodation.
- 6 Jackie is upset because she's had a bad news / some bad news.
- 7 Be careful with that vase – it's made of glass / a glass.
- 8 My girlfriend gave me a pair of pyjamas / some pyjamas for my birthday.
- 9 The teacher gave the boy extra marks for a good behaviour / good behaviour.
- 10 Can you lend me a paper / some paper? I've left my notebook at home.

b Complete the sentences with *is* or *are*.

- 1 My clothes are really wet. I got caught in a thunderstorm.
- 2 Police are investigating the murder of an elderly woman in her home.
- 3 The hotel staff is always really polite and helpful.
- 4 The new research into sleep patterns is fascinating.
- 5 The outskirts of the town are quite run down and a bit depressing.
- 6 The good news is that we're getting married in the spring!
- 7 The flight crew on this plane are very young.
- 8 Politics is really fascinating – particularly for politicians!
- 9 Do you think my belongings are safe in the hotel room?
- 10 The traffic is terrible in the rush hour in the city centre.



c Complete the sentences with information that is true for you.



- 1 The scenery in this area _____
- 2 The traffic in my area _____
- 3 My clothes _____
- 4 The furniture in my home _____
- 5 The news today _____
- 6 Politics in my country _____
- 7 The weather today _____
- 8 My family _____

2 VOCABULARY word building: prefixes and suffixes

a Complete the sentences with a prefix from the list.

anti auto bi mega mis mono
multi over post sub under



- 1 Some of the residents of megacities live in sub standard housing of very poor quality.
- 2 There was a food shortage in many countries during the -war period between 1946 and 1960.
- 3 Hundreds of fans were waiting for the singer, hoping to get an graph.
- 4 My English teacher recommends us to use a lingual dictionary – one that is only in English.
- 5 My colleagues are always complaining that they are worked and paid. They say they work long hours and are badly paid.
- 6 The leader of the protest used a phone to make himself heard.
- 7 You couldn't miss Sandra – she was the one in the coloured coat. It was green, purple, yellow, and orange, I think.
- 8 The town has just celebrated its centenary – it was founded 200 years ago.
- 9 The doctor prescribed biotics for my brother's chest infection.
- 10 It's a popular conception that cold weather can give you a cold. This is simply not true.

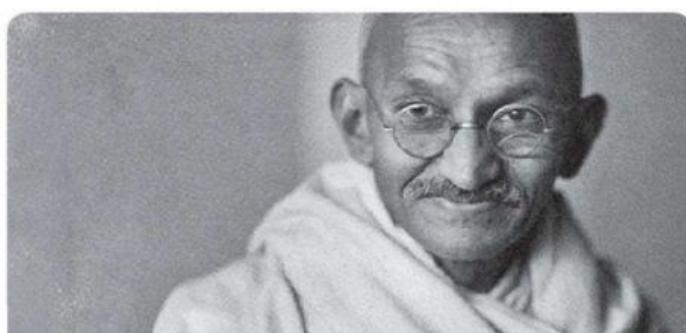
b Complete the sentences. Add *-able*, *-ful*, *-less*, or *-proof* to a word from the list.

break bullet care drink home hope use water

- 1 Is there anything breakable in this box?
- 2 Be crossing that road – there's always a lot of traffic.
- 3 Don't forget to take a jacket with you when you go walking in Scotland.
- 4 This gadget opens jars for people who have no strength in their hands.
- 5 Harry became when he was made redundant and could no longer pay his rent.
- 6 The police officer wasn't injured because he was wearing a vest.
- 7 Is the tap water in this area?
- 8 It's asking the boss for a pay rise – the company is losing money.

c Complete the sentences with the noun form of the word in brackets.

- 1 I borrowed the money with the intention of giving it back to you. (intend)
- 2 His greatest is his inability to express his feelings. (weak)
- 3 I was away for six months, and there were many changes in my . (absent)
- 4 If you witness an act of , you are advised to call the police. (vandal)
- 5 is one of the greatest problems the elderly have to face. (lonely)
- 6 Teachers are trying to fight in schools throughout the country. (race)
- 7 Most of her problems are the result of a very unhappy . (child)
- 8 The best thing about our hotel was that it provided in the evenings. (entertain)
- 9 There's been a great in public transport recently. (improve)
- 10 There's a shortage of rented where I live. (accommodate)
- 11 What's the between Rome and Venice? (distant)
- 12 Gandhi was a humanist who believed in the of man. (brother)



d Complete the second sentence with the noun form of the **bold** word in the first sentence.

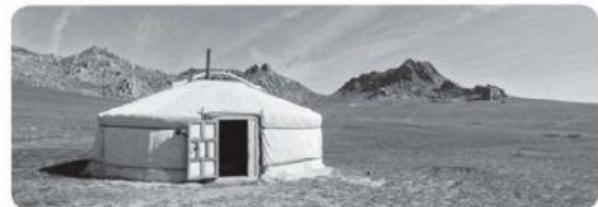
- 1 I **believe** that house prices are going to rise.
It's my belief that house prices are going to rise.
- 2 The staff were shocked when their boss **died**.
The staff were shocked at the _____ of their boss.
- 3 You shouldn't go out when it's **hot** in the day.
You shouldn't go out during the _____ of the day.
- 4 You need to measure how **wide** the windows are.
You need to measure the _____ of your windows.
- 5 I can't believe you're still **hungry** after that huge meal.
I can't believe that huge meal didn't satisfy your _____.
- 6 The company may **lose** financially on this deal.
The company might make a financial _____ on this deal.
- 7 Do you know how **high** Mount Everest is?
Do you know the _____ of Mount Everest?
- 8 I don't like to **think** of you walking home alone.
I don't like the _____ of you walking home alone.
- 9 After his illness, they gave him soup to make him **strong** again.
After his illness, they gave him soup to build up his _____ again.
- 10 The dinner party was very **successful**.
The dinner party was a great _____.



3 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the list.

a lack of delivers echoes head home perks
sparsely populated sprawling state-of-the-art



- 1 Mongolia is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world - there are only one or two people per square kilometre.
- 2 I have a long commute, so I always _____ straight after work.
- 3 One of the _____ of city life is the numerous entertainment options.
- 4 In many big cities there's _____ green spaces to walk or just sit and relax.
- 5 The design of the town hall _____ that of a palace.
- 6 Our new home _____ on comfort but looks out on an industrial estate.
- 7 Los Angeles is recognized as the most _____ city in the US because it covers such a large area of land.
- 8 The company has just launched a new line of _____ computers.

4 PRONUNCIATION word stress with prefixes and suffixes

a Underline the main stressed syllable in the words in the list. Then put them in the correct column.

anti|so|cial bi|lin|gual con|ve|ni|ence en|ter|tain|ment
ex|cite|ment friend|li|ness go|vern|ment ig|no|rance
o|ver|crow|ded po|ver|ty re|duc|tion un|em|ploy|ment

| Stress on first syllable | Stress on second syllable | Stress on third syllable |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | antisocial |

b 9.2 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the words.