9B Super cities

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

G uncountable and plural nouns | **V** word building: prefixes and suffixes | **P** word stress with prefixes and suffixes

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 _____ investigating the murder of an elderly woman in her home.
3 The hotel staff _____ always really polite and helpful.
4 The new research into sleep patterns _____ fascinating.
5 The outskirts of the town _____ quite run down and a bit depressing.
6 The good news _____ that we're getting married in the spring!
7 The flight crew on this plane _____ very young.
8 Politics _____ really fascinating – particularly for politicians!
9 Do you think my belongings _____ safe in the hotel room?
10 The traffic _____ 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 _____
_____
_____.

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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)



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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.

~~an\|ti\|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.

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