8 Spelling: one word or two?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

1 a More than 20% of the work force is unemployed.
  b More than 20% of the workforce is unemployed.
2 a There are alot of artists living in this district.
  b There are a lot of artists living in this district.

Compounds which are written as one word include:

- *countryside, hairstyle, lifespan, lifestyle, website, wildlife, workforce, workplace*
- *misuse, outbreak, outcome, outside, overall, overcome*
- *anybody, everyone, everything, someone, sometimes*
- *furthermore, moreover, nowadays, throughout, whereas*

Compounds which are written with a hyphen include:

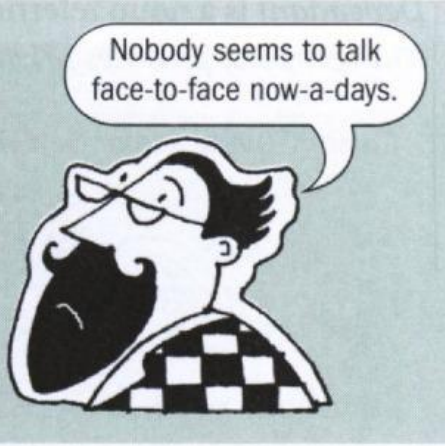
- *make-up, well-being*
- *twenty-four, thirty-five,* etc.

Phrases which are written as separate words include:

- *Young people often spend **a lot** of money on clothes.*
- ***In fact**, levels of pollution have decreased in the past five years.*
- *She still smokes, **even though** she knows it's bad for her health.*

☆ ***Maybe** his plane has been delayed.* (= an adverb meaning *perhaps*)
*I suspect the main reason for the change **may be** financial.* (= a verb phrase)

2 Correct the mistake below.



Nobody seems to ..... .

3 Correct any errors in the compounds and phrases in the sentences below.

1 80% of women said they were satisfied, where as only 60% of men were happy.
2 The room was clean and every thing was neatly arranged.
3 Many of the problems are due to changes in lifestyle.
4 Our main concern is for the health and well being of all our residents.
5 They fled the country just before the outbreak of the civil war.
6 He carried out research into the life-span of people living in the country side.
7 May be learning a foreign language in school should be compulsory.
8 The charity runs twenty six hostels spread through out the country.

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