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Nouns / Word Formation / Articles

7 Fill in the gaps with an appropriate noun + of to indicate quantity. More than one answer may be possible.

1 a bolt / flash of lightning
 2 a chalk
 3 a football
 4 a trousers

5 a sugar
 6 a meat
 7 a thunder
 8 a advice

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Complete the sentences using the nouns in their singular or plural form.

1 hair

a Lisa has got short, dark hair
 b Keith brushed off the dog hairs from his jacket.

2 experience

a Anna gained some work by helping in her father's shop during the summer.
 b John's trip around Asia was full of memorable *

3 glass

a Dan couldn't read the menu because he had forgotten to bring his
 b She offered me a of orange juice.

4 work

a The museum holds over a thousand of modern art.
 b Paul travels to by bus every morning.

5 custom

a It is a in Japan to take your shoes off when you enter someone's house.
 b Frank was asked to open his bag at *

6 wood

a Pam took her dog for a walk in the
 b This toy is made of

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Make the following uncountable nouns plural, as in the example.

1 furniture – two pieces of furniture
 2 pasta – two
 3 paper – four
 4 lemonade – three *

5 yoghurt – two
 6 oil – three
 7 toothpaste – two
 8 salmon – five *

• A couple of, several, a few, many, a (large, great, good) number of, both, are followed by a countable noun. (Too) much, a little, a great/good deal of, a large/small amount/quantity of are followed by an uncountable noun. A lot of, lots of, hardly any, some, no, plenty of are followed by a countable or uncountable noun.

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Underline the expressions which can be used with the nouns, as in the example.

1 She has bought a couple of, several, too much, a few, a little, lots of dresses.
 2 She's got a little, a lot of, hardly any, several, a few experience in the clothes business.
 3 He drank two, both, some, several, too much glasses of juice.
 4 She is wearing several, too many, hardly any, too much, no jewellery.
 5 The fire is going out – you'll have to fetch a little, several, a couple of, some, plenty of wood.
 6 I've been shopping and I've got no, a few, a little, hardly any, too many money left.
 7 Steve has already made too much, a little, a few, a couple of, a number of friends.
 8 Flowers need plenty of, a number of, too many, a great deal of, a lot of water.

11 Fill in the gaps with the words from the list and put them in the correct form.

- bar
- bottle
- jar
- loaf
- bag
- pot
- kilo
- glass

HALL'S FAMILY GROCER SPECIALS!

Buy three 1) bottles... of cola and get a free
2) of chocolate!

Three 3) of jam for the price of two!

Two 4) of bread for the price of one!

Buy two 5) of flour – get one free!

Six 6) of yoghurt for the price of four!

Buy a 7) of cheese – half price!

Enjoy a free 8) of orange juice as you shop!

Friendly personal service guaranteed!

12 Fill in: *is* or *are*.

- Your jeans ... are... hanging in the wardrobe.
- Where my scissors?
- There a lecture on Economics today.
- Physics the study of natural laws.
- Where my boxing gloves?
- This information incorrect!
- Her hair beautiful.
- Your socks in the drawer.
- Her furniture very expensive.
- The traffic unusually light today.

- His luggage extremely heavy.
- The news on at 6 o'clock.
- Mumps a common illness among young children.
- Sugar bad for your teeth.
- German difficult to learn.
- Chess a popular game.
- People starving in many countries.
- Happiness the key to good health.
- There some flour left.

13 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

- Every time I go to the beach, sand gets (get) inside my shoes.
- Five miles (be) a long way to walk.
- Milk (be) good for your bones.
- The council (meet) in the town hall every Wednesday.
- Chess (be) his favourite board game.
- Gravity (cause) things to fall towards the ground.
- Greek (be) one of the most difficult languages to learn.
- Music (help) me relax after a long day at work.
- Pepper always (make) me sneeze.
- Those new glasses (look) great on you.
- Chemistry (not/interest) me at all.
- The crockery he designs (cost) a lot of money.