11. Fill in *a/an* or *one*.

a) I bought (1) _____ set of plates yesterday, but I've broken (2) _____ of them already. I can't have (3) _____ dinner party without (4) _____ full set of plates.
b) (1) _____ day, I'll buy (2) _____ cottage in the country. It will have (3) _____ big garden so I will be able to keep (4) _____ dog.
c) I need (1) _____ car. I want (2) _____ with power steering and (3) _____ sun roof. I can afford (4) _____ second hand car, but I'd rather buy (5) _____ new (6) _____.
d) Suddenly there was (1) _____ knock at the door. (2) _____ old man stood outside. He was wearing (3) _____ suit and carrying (4) _____ suitcase in (5) _____ hand and (6) _____ umbrella in the other.
e) There were (1) _____ dozen people in the room and not (2) _____ of them knew how to use (3) _____ computer.
f) 'I have (1) _____ terrible headache. I think I will take (2) _____ tablet and lie down for half (3) _____ hour.' 'I hate headaches. I had (4) _____ yesterday at work.

3. Insert *a/an* or *one*.

_____ day last year – it was _____ very hot afternoon in June – I was hurrying to get home. I was about _____ hour late – well, to be precise, exactly _____ hour and ten minutes: I had missed my train. Anyway, there was _____ woman standing under the trees, and there were several children with her. I saw _____ child clearly – she was _____ lovely dark-haired girl – but I only heard the others. Suddenly _____ strange thing happened. The girl took some stones out of her pocket, and threw _____ stone after another into the air.

1 I'm looking for _____ book about animals. Do you have any?
2 There was _____ book about animals but the others were adventure stories.
3 They saw _____ old film at the cinema yesterday.
4 I don't like these boots, but I really like the _____ you're wearing.
5 Tom found _____ mouse in the kitchen so he put mousetraps.
6 _____ morning there was a power cut.

16. In 1–8 below, look at the speaker's thoughts. What did they say? Choose a) or b).

1 *'I wanted the questions to make me think.'*
a) I thought question 6 in that exercise wasn't difficult enough.
b) I thought question 6 in that exercise was too difficult.
2 *'I want to emphasize how nice he is as much as I can.'*
a) He's such a nice man. Have you met him?
b) He's a very nice man. Have you met him?
3 *'I probably won't buy the dress because of the price.'*
a) That dress I want is so expensive.
b) That dress I want is too expensive.
4 *'I'll say a fact about that part of Australia.'*
a) It's too hot in that part of Australia.
b) It's very hot in that part of Australia.
5 *'I don't think I like their garden.'*
a) They've got so many trees in that garden.
b) They've got too many trees in that garden.
6 *'I can't go to university because of my exam results.'*
a) My exam results weren't good enough.
b) My exam results weren't very good.
7 *'I think we should give him the job.'*
a) I'm sure he's got enough experience.
b) He hasn't got very much experience.
8 *'I didn't like the ending of the film.'*
a) The film seemed to finish too quickly.
b) The film seemed to finish very quickly.
9 *'I want to make it very clear how busy I am.'*
a) I've got such a lot to do.
b) I've got a lot to do.

1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between two and five words. Do not change the word given.

e.g. I was almost two hours late because there was heavy traffic. SUCH

There was *such heavy traffic that* I was almost two hours late.

1. I didn't have the strength to carry the case on my own. HEAVY

The case was _____ carry on my own.

2. The shelf is too high for me to reach. TALL

I'm _____ the shelf.

3. I cried because the film was sad. THAT

The film was _____ I cried.

4. Nobody can believe she's Spanish because her English is very good. WELL

She _____ that nobody can believe she's Spanish.

5. My brother's too young to vote. OLD

My brother _____ vote.

6. This food is very good. I'm going to have some more. (SUCH)

This _____ I'm going to have some more.

7. This is a very exciting city. I'd like to stay here longer. (SUCH)

This is _____ I'd like to stay here longer.

8. She spoke very quietly. Nobody could hear her. (SO)

She _____ nobody could hear her.

9. This film is very complicated. I can't follow it. (TOO)

This film _____ to follow.

10. He made a lot of mistakes. He lost the job. (SO)

He made _____ he lost the job.

23. Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1 She can be _____ bad-tempered in the mornings.
A. quite B. a quite C. quite a D. quite the
2 In fact, she's _____ unpleasant most of the time.
A. rather B. a rather C. rather an D. rather the
3 That was _____ good attempt but you still failed.
A. fairly B. a fairly C. fairly the D. fairly your
4 Excuse her -- she's usually _____ shy with strangers.
A. a little B. little bit C. bit D. a rather
5 The film was _____; my grandson screamed at one point.
A. quite fright B. the quite fright C. quite a fright D. quite frightening
6 I'm _____ at maths!
A. hopeless B. very hopeless C. quite a hopeless D. a fairly hopeless

26. In the interview below from a plane passenger who had a lucky escape, the last letters of each line have not been printed. Complete the lines.

PILOT'S ACTION SAVES LIVES

It was terrible. If it hadn't been for the pilot's quick thinking (1) w_____
probably all be dead now. I can't explain my feelings. It was (2) s_____
scary. I heard this bang and looked out of the window and saw a (3) fir_____
on the wing. My life didn't flash before my eyes. There wasn't (4) en_____
time for that. I remember thinking 'Help! I don't want to die. (5) I'm t_____
young to die.' I suppose everybody thinks that. There were too (6) m_____
things I still wanted to do. Anyway, we're all very lucky, we (7) kn_____
that for sure. And you know what the captain said? Honestly, (8) he's s_____
modest! He said he was only doing his job, but he made the (9) decisi_____
to ignore the rule book and make an immediate crash (10) landi_____
Apparently, a fire on the wing isn't supposed to be serious enough (11) t_____
cause us to turn back, but in fact, if we'd carried on we (12) prob_____
would have crashed into houses and we'd all have died. He's (13) s_____
a hero!

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