

9B GRAMMAR uncountable and plural nouns

Circle the correct option.

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Hurry up, kids! You don't have ¹ **a time / time** to watch videos! Daniel, your trousers ² **look / looks** dirty. Go and put on a clean pair. Bertha, don't forget athletics ³ **is / are** after school today. Have you remembered your ⁴ **short / shorts** and a T-shirt? OK, good. And have you both had breakfast? No, Bertha? Well, you'll have to have ⁵ **a / a piece of** toast because there isn't any cereal. And hurry up!

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I'm sorry, but your hand luggage ⁶ **is / are** too heavy, Madam. You'll need to put ⁷ **a belonging / some belongings** into your suitcase. Oh, right. There ⁸ **isn't / aren't** any space in your suitcase? Well then, I'm afraid we'll have to charge you extra.

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Now then, Brian. I've talked to you before about your ⁹ **behaviour / behaviours** with customers. I know they can sometimes be rude, but we expect our ¹⁰ **staff / staffs** to be polite at all times. Do you understand? Good. Then I hope to see ¹¹ **a / some** progress from you very soon.

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I know what you're going to say, doctor. You're going to give me some ¹² **advices / advice** about reducing stress, and give me ¹³ **a / some** medicine to help me sleep at night. But I read ¹⁴ **an / some** information on a website which said that sleeping tablets aren't good for you.

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Be careful you don't scratch ¹⁵ **a / the** furniture with ¹⁶ **that / those** scissors, Bertha! And have you finished your ¹⁷ **homework / homeworks**? Good, then come and help me take out the ¹⁸ **rubbish / rubbishes**.

ACTIVATION

Choose **four** nouns from the list and write a sentence using each one. Compare your sentences with a partner.

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9B VOCABULARY Word-building

● Complete the column on the right with the correct form of the word in brackets.

Add a prefix

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| 1 The bill should have been less than this. I think the waiter has <input type="text"/> us. (charged) | <u>overcharged</u> |
| 2 Teachers don't earn enough. They're definitely <input type="text"/> . (paid) | <u>underpaid</u> |
| 3 My cousin won a fortune on the lottery. She's a <input type="text"/> now! (millionaire) | <u>millionaire</u> |
| 4 Do you prefer watching a dubbed film or one which is <input type="text"/> ? (titled) | <u>untitled</u> |
| 5 Is that dictionary <input type="text"/> or is it French-English? (lingual) | <u>bilingual</u> |
| 6 Famous people often write their <input type="text"/> when they are still quite young. (biographies) | <u>autobiographies</u> |
| 7 You should always install good <input type="text"/> software to protect your computer. (virus) | <u>antivirus</u> |
| 8 Sorry, I must have <input type="text"/> the number. I thought it was a '3' and not an '8'. (read) | <u>misread</u> |
| 9 Much of London was rebuilt in the <input type="text"/> era. (war) | <u>post-war</u> |
| 10 My first computer only had half a <input type="text"/> of memory. (byte) | <u>megabyte</u> |

Add a suffix

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| 1 I like to wear <input type="text"/> clothes when I'm at home. (comfort) | <u>comfortable</u> |
| 2 We had a <input type="text"/> night last night. The baby just wouldn't stop crying! (sleep) | <u>sleepless</u> |
| 3 My mum's one of the most <input type="text"/> people I know. She's always happy! (cheer) | <u>cheerful</u> |
| 4 One of the most easily <input type="text"/> symptoms of an allergic reaction is a rash. (recognize) | <u>recognizable</u> |
| 5 One of the main problems facing governments today is <input type="text"/> . (terror) | <u>terrorism</u> |
| 6 Since Jane's been going to the gym, she's noticed a definite <input type="text"/> in the way she looks and feels. (improve) | <u>improvement</u> |
| 7 The rate of <input type="text"/> has been very low in my country this year. (inflate) | <u>inflation</u> |
| 8 Martin's biggest <input type="text"/> is that he can't concentrate for very long. (weak) | <u>weakness</u> |
| 9 Kathy always dresses with such <input type="text"/> . (elegant) | <u>elegance</u> |
| 10 Medicine bottles have to be <input type="text"/> so that young children can't open them. (child) | <u>childproof</u> |

Irregular nouns

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| 1 Although there's a sauna at my gym, I never use it because I can't stand extreme <input type="text"/> . (hot) | <u>heat</u> |
| 2 There are hundreds of weight <input type="text"/> books on the market at the moment. Do you think any of them actually work? (lose) | <u>loss</u> |
| 3 Did you know that the average <input type="text"/> of a European male is 1.77 metres? (high) | <u>height</u> |
| 4 My mother inherited a lot of money after my grandmother's <input type="text"/> . (die) | <u>death</u> |
| 5 <input type="text"/> is still a big problem in several African countries. (hungry) | <u>hunger</u> |
| 6 The band's recent tour was a great <input type="text"/> . (succeed) | <u>success</u> |
| 7 Could you tell me what your greatest <input type="text"/> is? (strong) | <u>strength</u> |
| 8 It's about 5 metres in <input type="text"/> . (wide) | <u>width</u> |
| 9 The <input type="text"/> of going to the dentist makes me feel ill. (think) | <u>thought</u> |
| 10 Contrary to popular <input type="text"/> , drinking coffee can be good for your health. (believe) | <u>belief</u> |

ACTIVATION

Cover the column on the right. In pairs, read the sentences and try to remember the words.