

COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE

1. Choose the correct form.

1. Kate decided to change her style and bought new cloth/clothes.
2. Please accept my short/shorts for your beautiful present.
3. Paul found his belonging/belongings outside in the street.
4. Helen is the only person/people I know with three cars.
5. Alan hurt his leg when he fell down the stair/stairs.
6. I have already sent the good/goods you ordered.
7. She gave me a lot of advice/advices the other day.
8. He was in a hurry and kept looking at his watch/watches all the time.
9. My granny has poor sight and has to wear glass/glasses.
10. Everybody knows about the riches/rich of British monarchs.

2. Complete the sentence with a word from the list in either singular or plural form as necessary. Two words are not used.

advice
journey

hair
salt

information
knowledge

iron
sugar

travel
wine

paper
wood

1. Discoveries made in physics in the 20th century have given us new _____ of the universe.
2. If you want to be an explorer, you have to enjoy _____. That's obvious.
3. In chemistry, solutions of _____ in water are called electrolytes.
4. Some doctors say that it is dangerous to put too much _____ on our food.
5. The _____ of France are famous throughout the world.
6. The body of an armadillo is completely covered in _____.
7. The first electric _____, in the late 19th century, had no temperature control.
8. The Internet is a good source of _____ though not all of it is accurate.
9. There are many organizations that give school leavers _____ about careers.
10. Until the 19th century, ships were built using different kinds of _____.

3. In each sentence substitute the underlined part by a word from the list and choose the correct form of the verb.

clothing
work

equipment
accommodation

scenery
rubbish

weather
belongings

furniture
earnings

1. The students' rooms was/were of a very high standard. _____
2. The rain and snow and high winds has/have been very bad this year. _____
3. The chairs and tables and cupboards is/are arriving tomorrow. _____
4. There is/are a lot of bottles and shits of paper at the edge of the sports field. _____
5. The new things we use costs/cost a lot of money, so look after it/them. _____
6. The jobs in the factory was/were very difficult. _____
7. The mountains and lakes and rivers in this country is/are very beautiful. _____
8. Most of the shirts and coats and trousers was/were destroyed in the fire. _____
9. The money that he gets for his work is/are very high. _____
10. All the books and pens and pencils that you see on the desk is/are mine. _____

4. Choose the correct form, A or B, to complete the sentence.

- a) Martin had some very strange _____ when he stayed in the Old castle.
A experience B experiences
- b) I've always enjoyed _____ which is why I have worked abroad a lot.
A travel B journey
- c) The teacher was upset at the children's _____
A behaviour B behaviours
- d) Some people think that if they don't eat _____ they will lose weight.
A bread B breads
- e) The computer printer has run out of _____
A paper B papers
- f) In this part of the country it isn't easy to find a _____
A work B job
- g) Can you take my _____ upstairs, please?
A luggage B luggages
- h) Kate gets a lot of _____ for her work.
A money B earning

5. Complete the sentence with a singular or a plural form of "Be".

- The news _____ on Channel Five at nine o'clock.
- These loaves _____ really fresh.
- I think that maths _____ the most difficult subject.
- The coffees you ordered _____ on the table over there.
- The works of Shakespeare _____ still popular.
- Everyone says that money _____ hard to come by these days.
- The people I know _____ all on holiday at the moment.
- The traffic _____ really terrible this evening

6. Choose between a singular or a plural verb to use it in the following sentences:

- We saw an old house. "This is where my family (to live)." he said. _____
- All the family (to be) gathered to see the dog. _____
- Everybody says the Swiss police (to be) great at finding people. _____
- The police (to be) not fools. That man did not believe a word of what I said. _____
- As Alan appeared, the crew (to be) assembled along the rail. _____
- There (to be) two fish in his basket. _____
- When he came the baseball team (to practice) on the school field. _____
- The team (to have) baths at the moment. _____
- My trousers (to be) clean now. _____
- Do you know what the news (to be)? _____
- There (to be) important information in the letter. _____
- The clergy (to be) generally dressed in black. _____
- The Government (to be) discussing the bill. _____
- Politics (to be) always interesting to me. _____
- Close by, a group of men (to be) sitting. They kept the waiter busy with their orders. _____
- A group of students (to be) going on a tour to Slovakia in summer. _____
- You've bought yourself a nice car. Your money (to be) well spent. _____
- His advice always (to be) useful to me. _____

