

Countable and uncountable 2

1 Which is correct?

- 1 a The engine is making strange noise / a strange noise. What is it? (*a strange noise is correct*)
b We live near a busy road so there's a lot of noise / there are a lot of noises.
- 2 a Light / A light comes from the sun.
b I thought there was somebody in the house because there was light / a light on inside.
- 3 a I was in a hurry this morning. I didn't have time / a time for breakfast.
b We really enjoyed our holiday. We had great time / a great time.
- 4 a Can I have glass of water / a glass of water, please?
b Be careful. The window has been broken and there's broken glass / a broken glass on the floor.
- 5 a We stayed at a hotel. We had very nice room / a very nice room.
b We have a big garage. There's room / a room for two cars.

2 Which is correct?

- 1 Did you have nice weather / ~~a nice weather~~ when you were away? (nice weather is correct)
- 2 We were very unfortunate. We had bad luck / ~~a bad luck~~.
- 3 Our travel / journey from Paris to Moscow by train was very tiring.
- 4 When the fire alarm rang, there was complete chaos / ~~a complete chaos~~.
- 5 Bad news don't / ~~doesn't~~ make people happy.
- 6 There's some lovely scenery / ~~a lovely scenery~~ in this part of the country.
- 7 I like my job, but it's very hard work / ~~a very hard work~~.
- 8 I want to print some documents, but the printer is out of paper / ~~papers~~.
- 9 The trip took a long time. There was heavy traffic / ~~a heavy traffic~~.
- 10 Your hair is / Your hairs are too long. You should have it / ~~them~~ cut.

3 Complete the sentences using the following words. Use the plural (-s) where necessary.

advice	chair	damage	experience	experience
furniture	hair	luggage	permission	progress

- 1 We didn't have much luggage – just two small bags.
2 We have no furniture, not even a bed or a table.
3 There is room for everybody to sit down. There are plenty of chairs.
4 Who is that woman with short hair? Do you know her?
5 Carla's English is better than it was. She's made good progress.
6 If you want to take pictures here, you need to ask for permission.
7 I didn't know what I should do, so I asked Chris for advice.
8 I don't think Dan should get the job. He doesn't have enough experience.
9 Kate has done many interesting things. She could write a book about her life.
10 The damage caused by the storm will cost a lot to repair.

4 What do you say in these situations? Use the word in brackets in your sentence.

- 1 Your friends have just arrived at the station. You can't see any cases or bags. You ask:
(luggage) Do you have any luggage?
- 2 You go to a tourist office. You want to know about places to visit in the town.
(information) I'd like _____.
- 3 You are a student. You want your teacher to advise you about which courses to do. You say:
(advice) Can you give _____?
- 4 You applied for a job and you've just heard that you were successful. You call Tom and say:
(good news) Hi, Tom. I _____ . I got the job!
- 5 You are at the top of a mountain. You can see a very long way. It's beautiful. You say:
(view) It _____, isn't it?
- 6 You look out of the window. The weather is horrible: cold, wet and windy. You say:
(weather) What _____!