

Abstract nouns with and without a/an

1 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

clue	hope	hurry	sleep	understanding
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- 1 I think I have a good _____ of how this software works and what can be done with it.
- 2 I don't have a _____ of getting a place at Oxford or Cambridge; my results are not good enough.
- 3 I'm sorry, I'm in a bit of a _____ right now, but I'll call you back later, OK?
- 4 Before an exam or competition, it's important to get a good night's _____.
- 5 I haven't got a _____ where I've put those notes! And I need them now!

2 Write *a*, *an* or – (no article) in the gaps.

- 1 Visiting a traditional boarding school in the UK was _____ interesting experience for me.
- 2 I don't find _____ pleasure in criticising other people.
- 3 When I think about how a good society should be organised, sooner or later I return to the question of _____ education.
- 4 My friend was _____ great help when I needed cheering up before the exam.
- 5 Do you believe _____ love is what makes people happy?