

DAY 73. ARTICLES & QUANTIFIERS

Task A

Complete the sentences with the correct present simple or past simple form of the verb *be*.

- 1 His advice _____ asked for, but I must admit that it was helpful.
- 2 The facilities at the sports centre _____ that good; I really think they could be improved.
- 3 Do you think these trousers _____ too tight?
- 4 The police _____ asking for anyone with any information about the crime to come forward.
- 5 Passers-by _____ shocked by the aggressive behaviour of two young men.
- 6 £60 _____ much to pay for a good pair of shoes when you consider that they'll last for several years.
- 7 The Netherlands _____ a beautiful country and I'd love to visit it one day.
- 8 Both my mother and my father _____ from a small town in Scotland.
- 9 Each child _____ going to talk about his or her painting.
- 10 Physics _____ a subject which has never interested me.
- 11 These scissors _____ useless – they won't even cut this paper properly.
- 12 Diabetes _____ not an easy condition to live with.
- 13 His ability to remember dates, facts and numbers _____ prodigious!
- 14 We were late because the traffic in the centre of town _____ terrible.

Task B

Circle the correct words.

- 1 a I'm allergic to **chocolate / chocolates**, so I can't try your cake.
b Let's buy Mum a box of **chocolate / chocolates** for her birthday.
- 2 a Travelling around India for three months was **an experience / experience** I'll never forget.
b I regret to inform you that your lack of **experience / experiences** has precluded you from the final candidate selection.
- 3 a Would you like **a toast / some toast** and honey for breakfast?
b I'd like to make **a toast / toast** to the happy couple – good health and a long life to you!
- 4 a My favourite game was **marble / marbles** and I used to have a collection of more than thirty.
b The kitchen counter is made of imported Italian **marbles / marble**.
- 5 a A group of **youths / youth** was hanging around the shopping centre.
b Ben regrets that he wasted **his youth / a youth** partying instead of getting a decent education.
- 6 a Michelangelo put in hundreds of hours of **work / works** painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.
b Some of the greatest **work / works** of art can be seen in the Louvre Museum in Paris.
- 7 a **A vision / Vision** is the sense which I would most hate to lose.
b Gandhi promoted **a vision / vision** of India free of religious and political divisions.
- 8 a In the interview, I was asked to outline my **strengths / strength** as a person and as a journalist.
b Jeremy was so depressed after losing the championship that sometimes he didn't have **the strength / a strength** to go on.

Task C

Read the sentences and make compound nouns.

- 1 The confidence which you feel in yourself
- 2 The light which comes from the moon
- 3 A snake which makes a rattling noise
- 4 A board which you can use to skate with
- 5 The central bone in your back
- 6 A centre for playing different sports
- 7 The room where you change your clothes in a shop
- 8 A person who is twelve years old

Task D

Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *the* or no article (-).

- 1 There is ____ plethora of restaurants lining ____ River Tiber in ____ Rome.
- 2 Would you agree that ____ peacock possesses unrivalled ____ beauty?
- 3 ____ Cubans have ____ reputation for being great ____ dancers.
- 4 ____ Jade is not at all academic and I doubt she'll apply to ____ university.
- 5 If you think ____ Alps are awe-inspiring, you should see ____ Mount Everest up close.
- 6 We're planning a holiday to ____ Seychelles next summer and as my husband is ____ travel agent, we're hoping to get ____ good price.
- 7 I'm interested in learning how to play ____ cello; ____ music has always been ____ great love of mine.
- 8 Let's arrange ____ holiday in ____ France, including a few days in ____ Paris and a trip up ____ Eiffel Tower.
- 9 We're going on ____ outing to ____ cinema this evening, but we can't decide whether to go on ____ foot or to take ____ train.
- 10 She has ____ passion for expensive fabrics; ____ silk is her favourite.
- 11 It is imperative that ____ travellers to ____ Africa be vaccinated against ____ Yellow Fever.
- 12 There's ____ Katy Winters on ____ phone for you; she says she's from ____ Waterstones book shop.
- 13 I visit ____ private dentist once ____ year and each examination costs ____ hundred pounds.
- 14 I found ____ lot of ____ dirty clothes under ____ bed.

Task E

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Word has it that *Iron Man* and *Civil War* are both remarkable films, but I haven't seen ___ of them.
a any b either
- 2 There are plenty of talented young players out there, however, ___ actually make it as professionals.
a few b a few
- 3 We will ensure that ___ teachers receive a certificate of attendance for the annual workshop.
a every b all
- 4 Quite ___ of the interns appear to be extremely ambitious!
a few b a few
- 5 ___ the suggestions that you made was adopted by the board I'm afraid.
a Neither of b Half of
- 6 You'll need to put in ___ time and effort if you're going to complete this project on your own.
a a lot of b much
- 7 ___ people at the meeting expressed their dissatisfaction with the president's handling of the matter.
a Any b Several
- 8 ___ member of this team is permitted to cheat at any time.
a No b Each
- 9 The good news ___ that the dance festival will go ahead as planned.
a are b is
- 10 Both twins ___ thrilled to see each other after having been separated for so long.
a were b was

Task F

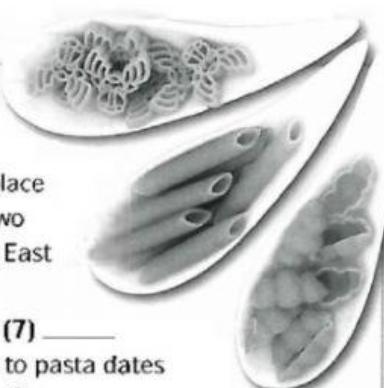
Complete the text with one word in each gap.

The delights of pasta

In recent years, many have disputed (1) ____ origins of pasta. (2) ____ people claim that its roots lie in China, others insist that Italy is (3) ____ birthplace of this internationally-famous food and yet others believe that (4) ____ of the two aforementioned theories (5) ____ true, claiming instead that (6) ____ Middle East is its real place of origin.

Nonetheless, it is widely accepted that the development and adoption of pasta as (7) ____ simple yet staple food is (8) ____ Italian affair. In fact, (9) ____ first reference to pasta dates back to (10) ____ twelfth century – 1154 in fact – and to Sicily to be more specific.

Pasta is (11) ____ kind of noodle, mixed with water or eggs and subsequently formed into sheets that are cut into (12) ____ manner of shapes and sizes. The advantage for today's busy families, is that it requires almost (13) ____ effort in terms of preparation and there are (14) ____ of different sauces you can serve with it. (15) ____ pasta dishes are eaten as a first course, whilst others serve as a main course in Italian cuisine.



Task G

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

1 The two candidates who applied for the post didn't have the necessary qualifications.

NEITHER

Two candidates applied for the post, but _____ the necessary qualifications.

2 As she gets older, she becomes more resilient.

THE

The older _____ resilient she becomes.

3 Nearly all the students managed to passed their final exams.

OF

Most _____ in passing their final exams.

4 All his ideas were a dismal failure.

ONE

Every _____ a dismal failure.

5 How much furniture will the removal men have to carry?

ITEMS

How _____ will the removal men have to carry?

6 It's OK to wait two hours for tickets.

LONG

Two hours _____ wait for tickets.

7 Caroline teaches English at a private school.

IS

Caroline _____ at a private school.

8 They can't prove that Celia took the money.

NO

There _____ that Celia took the money.

Choose the answer that best completes the conversation or sentence.