

# GRAMMAR

**1** Read this extract from a tour guide. Write *a*, *an*, *the* or *-* (no article) in each gap.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Maldives is one of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ most unique countries in the world. It is made up of 1,192 islands, spread over 90,000 square kilometres. The capital, Malé, is unusual in that it is not (3) \_\_\_\_\_ tourist destination. It is less than six square miles, yet it is home to over (4) \_\_\_\_\_ third of the country's population of about 430,000. Only 185 of the islands are inhabited by local people. The others are dedicated to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture and tourism. Tourism accounts for (6) \_\_\_\_\_ most of the country's economy. The sun-drenched islands and coral reefs teeming with tropical fish attract tourists all year round. Sitting near (7) \_\_\_\_\_ equator, the islands enjoy temperatures between 26 and 30 degrees centigrade throughout the year. The Maldives is particularly popular with couples looking for (8) \_\_\_\_\_ amazing place to get married. The sun, sand and sea make these islands a paradise on (9) \_\_\_\_\_ earth. The Maldives is not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ budget destination, however. It has some of the most expensive and luxurious hotels in the world.

**2** Put each noun into the correct column in the table.

things rice pain data cash virus life crash business room pedal  
 footprint stuff resort scenery voyage land time chaos gear

COUNTABLE	UNCOUNTABLE	BOTH
things	rice	pain

# PUSH YOURSELF C1

For each pair of sentences, choose one word from the 'Both' column to complete both gaps. You may need to make the word plural.

- They say that cats have nine \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is what you make it.
- Did you remember to bring your sports \_\_\_\_\_? How many \_\_\_\_\_ does your bike have?
- I haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ to finish my homework. I've been to Italy three \_\_\_\_\_.
- Small \_\_\_\_\_ are finding it hard to survive. Sam studied \_\_\_\_\_ at university.
- Do you think there'll be \_\_\_\_\_ there for all my books? We lived in a small flat when I was young – there were only three \_\_\_\_\_.
- They say this is a \_\_\_\_\_ of opportunity! Farmers grow crops and raise animals on their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Doing my homework when it's sunny outside is a real \_\_\_\_\_! He was in a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ after he broke his leg skiing.

