9B GRAMMAR uncountable and plural nouns

Circle the correct option.

1

Hurry up, kids! You don't have [1]**a time** / **time** to watch videos! Daniel, your trousers [2]**look** / **looks** dirty. Go and put on a clean pair. Bertha, don't forget athletics [3]**is** / **are** after school today. Have you remembered your [4]**short** / **shorts** and a T-shirt? OK, good. And have you both had breakfast? No, Bertha? Well, you'll have to have [5]**a** / **a piece of** toast because there isn't any cereal. And hurry up!

2

I'm sorry, but your hand luggage [6]**is** / **are** too heavy, Madam. You'll need to put [7]**a belonging** / **some belongings** into your suitcase. Oh, right. There [8]**isn't** / **aren't** any space in your suitcase? Well then, I'm afraid we'll have to charge you extra.

3

Now then, Brian. I've talked to you before about your [9]**behaviour** / **behaviours** with customers. I know they can sometimes be rude, but we expect our [10]**staff** / **staffs** to be polite at all times. Do you understand? Good. Then I hope to see [11]**a** / **some** progress from you very soon.

4

I know what you're going to say, doctor. You're going to give me some [12]**advices** / **advice** about reducing stress, and give me [13]**a** / **some** medicine to help me sleep at night. But I read [14]**an** / **some** information on a website which said that sleeping tablets aren't good for you.

5

Be careful you don't scratch [15]**a** / **the** furniture with [16]**that** / **those** scissors, Bertha! And have you finished your [17]**homework** / **homeworks**? Good, then come and help me take out the [18]**rubbish** / **rubbishes**.

ACTIVATION

Choose **four** nouns from the list and write a sentence using each one. Compare your sentences with a partner.

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9B VOCABULARY Word-building

Complete the column on the right with the correct form of the word in brackets.

Add a prefix

1 The bill should have been less than this. I think the waiter has [redacted] us. (**charged**) *overcharged*
2 Teachers don't earn enough. They're definitely [redacted]. (**paid**) _____
3 My cousin won a fortune on the lottery. She's a [redacted] now! (**millionaire**) _____
4 Do you prefer watching a dubbed film or one which is [redacted]? (**titled**) _____
5 Is that dictionary [redacted] or is it French–English? (**lingual**) _____
6 Famous people often write their [redacted] when they are still quite young. (**biographies**) _____
7 You should always install good [redacted] software to protect your computer. (**virus**) _____
8 Sorry, I must have [redacted] the number. I thought it was a '3' and not an '8'. (**read**) _____
9 Much of London was rebuilt in the [redacted] era. (**war**) _____
10 My first computer only had half a [redacted] of memory. (**byte**) _____

Add a suffix

1 I like to wear [redacted] clothes when I'm at home. (**comfort**) _____
2 We had a [redacted] night last night. The baby just wouldn't stop crying! (**sleep**) _____
3 My mum's one of the most [redacted] people I know. She's always happy! (**cheer**) _____
4 One of the most easily [redacted] symptoms of an allergic reaction is a rash. (**recognize**) _____
5 One of the main problems facing governments today is [redacted]. (**terror**) _____
6 Since Jane's been going to the gym, she's noticed a definite [redacted] in the way she looks and feels. (**improve**) _____
7 The rate of [redacted] has been very low in my country this year. (**inflate**) _____
8 Martin's biggest [redacted] is that he can't concentrate for very long. (**weak**) _____
9 Kathy always dresses with such [redacted]. (**elegant**) _____
10 Medicine bottles have to be [redacted] so that young children can't open them. (**child**) _____

Irregular nouns

1 Although there's a sauna at my gym, I never use it because I can't stand extreme [redacted]. (**hot**) _____
2 There are hundreds of weight [redacted] books on the market at the moment. Do you think any of them actually work? (**lose**) _____
3 Did you know that the average [redacted] of a European male is 1.77 metres? (**high**) _____
4 My mother inherited a lot of money after my grandmother's [redacted]. (**die**) _____
5 [redacted] is still a big problem in several African countries. (**hungry**) _____
6 The band's recent tour was a great [redacted]. (**succeed**) _____
7 Could you tell me what your greatest [redacted] is? (**strong**) _____
8 It's about 5 metres in [redacted]. (**wide**) _____
9 The [redacted] of going to the dentist makes me feel ill. (**think**) _____
10 Contrary to popular [redacted], drinking coffee can be good for your health. (**believe**) _____

ACTIVATION

Cover the column on the right. In pairs, read the sentences and try to remember the words.

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