

Countable and uncountable nouns

2 Fill the gaps with a, an, or some where necessary.

- 1 a) We had ~~some~~ delicious food last night.
b) We had ~~the~~ delicious meal last night.
- 2 a) There is ~~the~~ beautiful furniture in that shop.
b) There is ~~a~~ beautiful table in that shop.
- 3 a) I'm thirsty. I need ~~a~~ drink.
b) I'm thirsty. I need ~~a~~ water.
- 4 a) She's just bought ~~a~~ expensive clothes.
b) She's just bought ~~a~~ expensive dress.
- 5 a) They booked ~~a~~ room in advance.
b) They booked ~~a~~ accommodation in advance.
- 6 a) The band played ~~a~~ lovely song.
b) The band played ~~a~~ lovely music.
- 7 a) We had ~~a~~ heatwave last week.
b) We had ~~a~~ hot weather last week.
- 8 a) I can't do this job alone. I need ~~a~~ assistant.
b) I can't do this job alone. I need ~~a~~ help.
- 9 a) He has got ~~a~~ heavy luggage to carry.
b) He has got ~~a~~ heavy suitcase to carry.
- 10 a) I need ~~a~~ cutlery to eat this food with.
b) I need ~~a~~ knife and fork to eat this food with.
- 11 a) She has got ~~a~~ important job to do.
b) She has got ~~a~~ important work to do.
- 12 a) He found ~~a~~ coin on the ground.
b) He found ~~a~~ money on the ground.

6 Underline the correct word.

- 1 A: I have a Physics exam tomorrow.
B: Oh dear. Physics is/are a very difficult subject.
- 2 A: My office is three miles from my house.
B: Three miles is/are a long way to walk to work.
- 3 A: My little brother has got measles.
B: Oh dear. Measles is/are quite a serious illness.
- 4 A: Jane looked nice today, didn't she?
B: Yes. Her clothes were/was very smart.
- 5 A: I've got two pounds. I'm going to buy a CD.
B: Two pounds is/are not enough to buy a CD.
- 6 A: The classroom was empty when I walked past.
B: Yes. The class was/were all on a school outing.
- 7 A: Have you just cleaned the stairs?
B: Yes, so be careful. They is/are very slippery.
- 8 A: Did you ask John to fix your car?
B: Yes. His advice was/were that I take it to a garage.
- 9 A: Did you enjoy your holiday?
B: Yes, thank you. The weather was/were wonderful.
- 10 A: These trousers is/are very old.
B: You should buy a new pair.
- 11 A: How is/are the company doing lately?
B: Great. We opened up two more branches.
- 12 A: I am going to travel for two years when I finish school.
B: Two years is/are a long time to be away from home.

4 Cross out the expressions which cannot be used with the nouns, as in the example.

- 1 There are several, many, ~~much~~, plenty of, ~~too little~~ things you can do to help.
- 2 He has met a couple of, a few, very little, plenty of, too much interesting people.
- 3 She earns few, hardly any, plenty of, several, a great deal of money.
- 4 We have got no, many, lots of, a great deal of, a few work to do.
- 5 Don't worry, there's a little, plenty of, a couple of, many, a lot of time.
- 6 Both, Several, A large quantity of, Plenty of, Too much students applied for the course.
- 7 He's got no, hardly any, a little, some, a small amount of qualifications.
- 8 She's got hardly any, several, a little, a few, a lot of experience in dealing with customers.
- 9 There is too much, a lot of, hardly any, few, several salt in this soup.
- 10 There is a little, many, too much, a great number of, some traffic on the roads today.