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1 GRAMMAR uncountable and plural nouns

a Circle the correct answers. Check (✓) if both answers are possible.

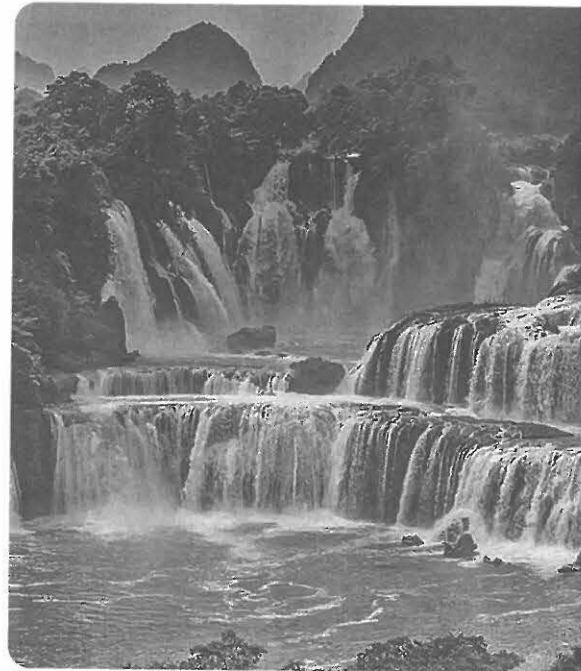
- 1 Can I have a *piece of bread* / *some bread*, please? ✓
- 2 My grandmother suffers from *(bad health)* / *a bad health*. ☐
- 3 I bought a *new piece of furniture* / *some new furniture* for my living room. ☐
- 4 Can you please give me a *piece of advice* / *some advice*? ☐
- 5 We lost a *luggage* / *a piece of luggage* on the way back from Singapore. ☐
- 6 Jackie's upset because she got a *bad news* / *some bad news*. ☐
- 7 Be careful with that vase – it's made of *glass* / *a glass*. ☐
- 8 My girlfriend gave me a *pair of pajamas* / *some pajamas* for my birthday. ☐
- 9 The teacher gave the boy extra points for a *good behavior* / *good behavior*. ☐
- 10 Can you lend me a *paper* / *some paper*? I left my notebook at home. ☐

b Complete the sentences with *is* or *are*.

- 1 My clothes are really wet. I got caught in a thunderstorm.
- 2 Police _____ investigating the murder of an elderly woman in her home.
- 3 The hotel staff members _____ always really polite and helpful.
- 4 The new research into sleep patterns _____ fascinating.
- 5 The outskirts of the town _____ run-down and a little bit depressing.
- 6 The good news _____ that we're getting married in the spring!
- 7 The flight crew on this plane _____ very young.
- 8 Politics _____ really fascinating – particularly for politicians!
- 9 Do you think my belongings _____ safe in the hotel room?
- 10 The traffic _____ terrible in the rush hour in the city.



c Complete the sentences with information that is true for you.



- 1 The scenery in this area _____

- 2 The traffic in my area _____

- 3 My clothes _____

- 4 The furniture in my home _____

- 5 The news today _____

- 6 Politics in my country _____

- 7 The weather today _____

- 8 My family _____

2 VOCABULARY word building: prefixes and suffixes

- a Complete the sentences with a prefix from the list.

anti auto bi mega mis mono
multi over post sub under



- 1 Some of the residents of megacities live in sub standard housing of very poor quality.
- 2 There was a food shortage in many countries during the _____-war period between 1946 and 1960.
- 3 Hundreds of fans were waiting for the singer, hoping to get an _____ graph.
- 4 My English teacher recommends us to use a _____ lingual dictionary – one that is only in English.
- 5 My colleagues are always complaining that they are _____ worked and _____ paid. They say they work long hours and are badly paid.
- 6 The leader of the protest used a _____ phone to make himself heard.
- 7 You couldn't miss Sandra – she was the one in the _____ colored coat. It was green, purple, yellow, and orange, I think.
- 8 The town has just celebrated its _____ centennial – it was founded 200 years ago.
- 9 The doctor prescribed _____ biotics for my brother's chest infection.
- 10 It's a popular _____ conception that cold weather can give you a cold. This is simply not true.

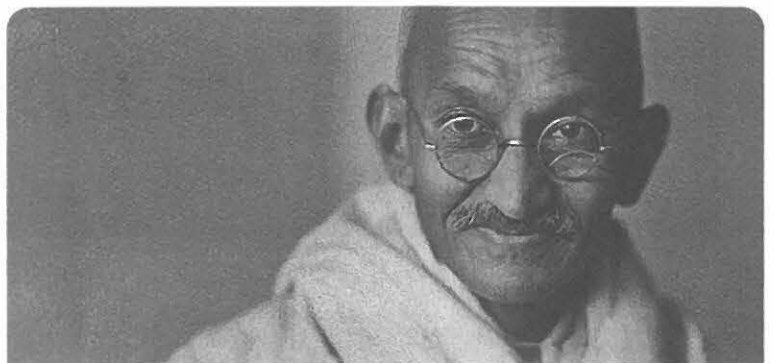
- b Complete the sentences. Add *-able*, *-ful*, *-less*, or *-proof* to a word from the list.

break bullet care drink home hope use water

- 1 Is there anything breakable in this box?
- 2 Be _____ crossing that road – there's always a lot of traffic.
- 3 Don't forget to take a _____ jacket with you when you go hiking in the mountains.
- 4 This _____ gadget opens jars for people who have no strength in their hands.
- 5 Alexi became _____ when he was downsized and could no longer pay his rent.
- 6 The police officer wasn't injured because he was wearing a _____ vest.
- 7 Is the tap water _____ in this area?
- 8 It's _____ asking the boss for a pay raise – the company is losing money.

- c Complete the sentences with the noun form of the word in parentheses.

- 1 I borrowed the money with the intention of giving it back to you. (intend)
- 2 His greatest _____ is his inability to express his feelings. (weak)
- 3 I was away for six months, and there were many changes in my _____. (absent)
- 4 If you witness an act of _____, you are advised to call the police. (vandal)
- 5 _____ is one of the greatest problems the elderly have to face. (lonely)
- 6 Teachers are trying to fight _____ in schools throughout the country. (race)
- 7 Most of her problems are the result of a very unhappy _____. (child)
- 8 The best thing about our hotel was that it provided _____ in the evenings. (entertain)
- 9 There's been a great _____ in public transportation recently. (improve)
- 10 The _____ of online shopping means that fewer people are shopping in the malls. (convenient)
- 11 What's the _____ between Montreal and Toronto? (distant)
- 12 Gandhi was a humanist who believed in the _____ of man. (brother)



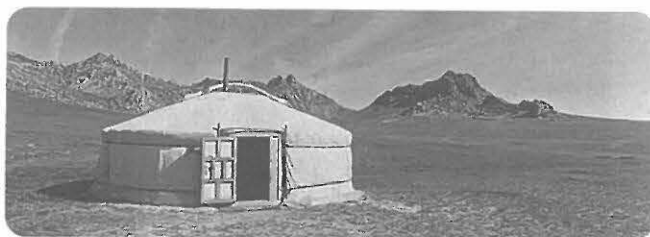
d Complete the second sentence with the noun form of the **bold** word in the first sentence.

- 1 I **believe** that house prices are going to rise.
It's my belief that house prices are going to rise.
- 2 The staff members were shocked when their boss **died**.
The staff members were shocked at the _____ of their boss.
- 3 You shouldn't go out when it's **hot** during the day.
You shouldn't go out during the _____ of the day.
- 4 You need to measure how **wide** the windows are.
You need to measure the _____ of your windows.
- 5 I can't believe you're still **hungry** after that huge meal.
I can't believe that huge meal didn't satisfy your _____.
- 6 The company may **lose** financially on this deal.
The company might take a financial _____ on this deal.
- 7 Do you know how **high** Mount Everest is?
Do you know the _____ of Mount Everest?
- 8 I don't like to **think** of you walking home alone.
I don't like the _____ of you walking home alone.
- 9 After his illness, they gave him soup to make him **strong** again.
After his illness, they gave him soup to build up his _____ again.
- 10 The dinner party was very **successful**.
The dinner party was a great _____.

3 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the list.

a lack of delivers echoes head home perks
~~sparsely populated~~ sprawling state-of-the-art



- 1 Mongolia is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world – there are only five people per square mile.
- 2 I have a long commute, so I always _____ right after work.
- 3 One of the _____ of city life is the numerous entertainment options.
- 4 In many big cities there's _____ green spaces to walk or just sit and relax.
- 5 The design of the museum _____ that of a palace.
- 6 Our new home _____ on comfort but looks out on an industrial estate.
- 7 Los Angeles is recognized as the most _____ city in the US because it covers such a large area of land.
- 8 The company has just launched a new line of _____ computers.

4 PRONUNCIATION word stress with prefixes and suffixes

a Underline the main stressed syllable in the words in the list. Then put them in the correct column.

antisocial bilingual convenience enter|tainment
excite|ment friend|liness govern|ment igno|rance
over|crowded poverty re|duction unem|ployment

Stress on first syllable	Stress on second syllable	Stress on third syllable
		antisocial

b 9.2 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the words.