

## NOUNS

<http://teacherismael-c1.weebly.com>**1. COUNTABLES & UNCOUNTABLES. Make any necessary corrections to the underlined verbs.**

- a) Over the last decade the company's overheads has increased dramatically.  
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- b) The research data was collected during the period 12th-29th July 2017.  
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- c) You don't need much sugar for this pudding; ten grams are enough.  
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- d) Modern linguistics is often said to have begun at the start of the 20th century.  
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- e) Congratulations goes to Richard Branch for his excellent exam results.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f) The coastal surroundings of the village is particularly attractive. \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Nowadays politics seem to be more about saving money than changing society for the better. \_\_\_\_\_
- h) He feels that the media have criticised him unfairly.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- i) I know people often have to wait for hospital treatment, but two years seems ridiculously wrong. \_\_\_\_\_
- j) Measles have killed a large number of children in the Nagola region. \_\_\_\_\_
- k) Further particulars about the house are available from the owner. \_\_\_\_\_
- l) Around 90 per cent of the concert audience was over 60 years old.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Complete these extracts from newspaper articles with a singular or plural form of the verbs in brackets. In both singular and plural forms are possible, give them both.**

- The outskirts of our cities \_\_\_\_\_ (have) benefited from the new out-of-town shopping centres that \_\_\_\_\_ (have) recently been built.
- On average, 2.5 litres of water \_\_\_\_\_ (be) used each day by each household and it is anticipated that as the population \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) higher living standards, this figure will rise.
- It has been found that some 30 per cent of the office space in London \_\_\_\_\_ (be) presently empty and the Department of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ (blame) high property prices.
- Three centimetres \_\_\_\_\_ (be) all that separated the first two runners in last night's 10,000 metres and the sports club \_\_\_\_\_ (have) declared the race a dead-heat.

5. The research group now \_\_\_\_\_ (admit) that the criteria they used in the work \_\_\_\_\_ (be) not totally reliable.
6. Following last week's major art theft from the Arcon Art Gallery, the premises \_\_\_\_\_ (be) searched by police last night and the owner's belongings \_\_\_\_\_ (have) been taken away for further inspection.
7. A survey of the opinions of British students \_\_\_\_\_ (show) that economics \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the least popular subject studied at university. However, 90 per cent of all those economics students surveyed \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) that their courses are well taught.
8. Sufferers from diabetes \_\_\_\_\_ (have) welcomed the launch by Federex of a new drug to combat the disease. The company \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that earnings from the drug \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to be put back into further research.

### 3. Complete the pairs of sentences using the correct form of a word in the box.

⟨length damage ground work help hair space⟩

1. - Right! I'm off to \_\_\_\_\_.  
- How many \_\_\_\_\_ of art by Picasso can you actually name?
2. - For some reason, he was ashamed of his working class background, and went to great \_\_\_\_\_ to conceal the fact.  
- I can only swim one \_\_\_\_\_ of the swimming pool before I get tired.
3. - Don't sit on the grass. The \_\_\_\_\_ is still very wet.  
- I trust John. I have good \_\_\_\_\_ for believing his version of events.
4. - The storm did quite a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.  
- The jury awarded them \_\_\_\_\_ of over \$500,000.
5. - Thanks, you've been a great \_\_\_\_\_.  
- Without your \_\_\_\_\_, we don't know what we'd have done.
6. - Ed was looking in the mirror and noticed one of his \_\_\_\_\_ had gone grey.  
- I gather that long \_\_\_\_\_ is back in fashion amongst the young.
7. - No one can hear you scream in \_\_\_\_\_ because there's no sound.  
- Why are there no parking \_\_\_\_\_ round here at all?



### 4. Are the sentences right or wrong? Where necessary correct the underlined expressions.

1. For all these reasons, I hope you'll consider my proposal. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Don't you think these money should go in the bank? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In this changing times we have to be prepared to adapt to new circumstances. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Can someone tell me why this children aren't in school? \_\_\_\_\_
5. We couldn't have achieved this success without your efforts. \_\_\_\_\_
6. People are going very little exercise this days. \_\_\_\_\_
7. We hope to continue these work for many years. \_\_\_\_\_
8. How did you come by these knowledges? \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. PLURALS. Circle the correct word. If both are correct, circle both.

1. Are those *sheep/sheeps* or *goat/goats* in that field over there?
2. How many *sister-in-laws/sister-in-law* have you got?
3. Look at those lovely little *fish/fishes*.
4. I've only got one important piece of *new/news* to tell you, I think.
5. The hairdresser quickly swept *hair/hairs* on the floor.
6. I'll be giving you a lot of *information/informations*, so do please take notes.
7. We've bought quite a lot of *furniture/furnitures* in the last few days.
8. Could you give us both *permission/permissions* to miss PE tomorrow?
9. *Physic/Physics* is my favourite subject by far.
10. I'm going to give them all the *advice/advices* I can.

### 6. PARTITIVES. If a word in bold is correct, put a tick. If it is wrong, correct it on the line.

1. I'm off to the newsagent's to get a pair of chocolate. Do you want anything? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Could you get me a flock of chewing gum when you go to the shops? \_\_\_\_\_
3. I think I'll have another herd of toast. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Just add a breath of milk if the mixture starts to get a bit dry. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I'm popping out for a pack of fresh air. Do you want to come? \_\_\_\_\_
6. There was a block of cows being taken down the lane for milking, and it took us ages to get by. \_\_\_\_\_
7. You said you wanted to get a new bar of trousers, didn't you? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Get us a bunch of bread when you go to the shops, won't you? \_\_\_\_\_
9. I was thinking of getting Jill a blade of flowers for our anniversary. \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Match one word in the box to each set of sentences.**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

- a. There was not a ... of evidence against them, so they were let free.  
 b. He went grovelling to the boss. He hasn't got a ... of dignity.  
 c. Decorate the cake with thin ...s of orange peel.

2) \_\_\_\_\_

- a. After the rain there were ...s of wáter all over the road.  
 b. Under each streetlamp was a ... of light.  
 c) Once the cat had seen it, the ... of spilt milk quickly disappeared.

3) \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The room was suddenly lit up by a ... of sunshine coming through the window.  
 b. A ... of light came from the torch he was holding.  
 c. Things were looking desperate, but there was still a ... of hope they would find him alive.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The waiter added a ... of pepper to their pasta.  
 b. We woke up to find a ... of snow on the grass outside.  
 c. Only a ... of people turned up the store opening.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The island is separated from the mainland by a narrow ... of water.  
 b. First cover the balloon with ...s of newspaper dipped in the blue mixture.

pool – shred  
 sprinkling – strip  
 ray

**8. QUANTIFIERS. Write a new sentence with the same meaning, beginning as shown.**

1. This coffee is too sweet.

*There is* \_\_\_\_\_

2. This house is double the value of that one.

*This house is worth* \_\_\_\_\_

3. A lot of money has been spent on this Project.

*A large* \_\_\_\_\_

4. I've got plenty of money to buy the tickets.

*I've got more* \_\_\_\_\_

5. Nearly a thousand football fans were arrested.

*As* \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY**

1)

a.have b.Correct (*were* is also possible) c.is d.correct e.go f.are g.seems h.correct (has also possible) i.correct j.has k.correct l.correct ("were also possible)

2)

1.have/have 2.is/expect(s) 3.is/blame(s) 4.was/has (have) 5.admit(s)/were 6.were/have 7.shows/is/believe 8.have/say(s)/are

3)

1.work/works 2.length/lenghts 3.ground/grounds 4.damage/damages 5.help/help 6.hairs/hair 7.space/spaces

4)

1.correct 2.this money 3.these changing times 4.these children 5.correct 6.these days 7.this work 8.this knowledge

5)

1.sheep 2.sisters-in-law 3.fish/fishes 4.news 5.hair/hairs 6.information 7.furniture 8.permission 9.Physics 10.advice

6)

1.bar 2.pack 3.piece, slice, bit 4.drop, bit 5.breath, bit 6.herd 7.pair 8.loaf 9.bunch

7)

1.shred 2.pool 3.ray 4.sprinkling 5.strip

8)

1.too much sugar in this coffee

2.twice as much as that one

3.amount of money has been spent on this Project

4.than enough money to buy the tickets

5. as many as a thousand football fans were arrested