

Answer key

Ex.1 Which of the underlined parts of these sentences is correct?

1 'Did you hear noise / a noise just now? "No, I didn't hear anything.'

2 a If you want to know the news, you can read payer / a paper.

b I want to print some documents, but the printer is out of paper / papers.

3 a I thought there was somebody in the house because there was light / a light on inside.

b Light / A light comes from the sun.

4 a I was in a hurry this morning. I didn't have time / a time for breakfast.

b 'Did you enjoy your holiday? "Yes, we had wonderful time / a wonderful time.' 3 This is nice room / a nice room Did you decorate it yourself?

6 Sue was very helpful. She gave us some very useful Advice / advices.

7 Did you have nice weather / a nice weather when you were away?

8 We were very unfortunate. We had bad luck / a bad luck.

9 Is it difficult to find a work / job at the moment?

10 Our travel / journey from Paris to Moscow by train was very tiring.

11 When the fire alarm rang, there was total chaos / a total chaos

12 I had to buy a / some bread because I wanted to make some sandwiches.

13 Bad news don't / doesn't make people happy.

14 Your hair is / Your hairs are too long. You should have it / them cut.

15 The damage / the damages caused by the storm will cost a lot to repair.

Ex.2 Complete the sentences using the following words. Use the plural (-s) where necessary.

1 I didn't have much luggage - just two small bags.

2 They'll tell you all you want to know. They'll give you plenty of information.

3 There is room for everybody to sit down. There are plenty of chairs.

4 We have no furniture, not even a bed or a table.

5 'What does Alan look like?' He's got a long beard and very short hair.

6 Carla's English is better than it was. She's made progress.

- 7 Mike is unemployed. He can't get a **job**.
- 8 Mike is unemployed. He can't get **work**.
- 9 If you want to leave early, you have to ask for **permission**.
- 10 I didn't know what to do. So I asked Chris for **advice**.
- 11 I don't think Dan will get the job. He doesn't have enough **experience**.
- 12 Paul has done many interesting things. He could write a book about his **experience**.

Ex.3 What do you say in these situations? Complete each sentence using one of the words from Section B.

- 1 Your friends have just arrived at the station. You can't see any cases or bags.
You ask them: Have **you got any luggage**.
- 2 You go into the tourist office. You want to know about places to see in the town.
You say: I'd like **some information about places to see in the town**.
- 3 You are a student. You want your teacher to advise you about which courses to do.
You say: Can you give me **some advice about which courses to do?**
- 4 You want to watch the news on TV, but you don't know when it is on.
You ask your friend: What time **is the news on?**
- 5 You are at the top of a mountain. You can see a very long way. It's beautiful.
You say: It **is a beautiful view**, isn't it?
- 6 You look out of the window. The weather is horrible: cold, wet and windy.
You say: What **horrible weather**.

Ex 4

a) **How much/How many** pasta have we got?

Where **is/are** my new trousers?

I put **some/any** chocolate somewhere, but where is it?

Peter went to buy **a/some** glass so he could fix the broken windows.

I'm afraid we haven't got **much/many** time.

How much/How many furniture shops are there?

I've found the milk but I can't find **a/some** glass.

Mary's advice **was/were** not very useful.

Ex 5

Put one word in each space. Put a dash (—) if the space should be blank.

- a) My trousers need ironing. Have you got **an** iron?
- b) Could you go to the baker's and buy **a** loaf, please?
- c) I'd like **some** information about trains to Paris.
- d) Louise has **-** very good health.
- e) The war ended **many/-** years ago.
- f) Vanessa bought **a** paper and read it on the bus.
- g) Could you give me **some** advice, please?
- h) Do you know **any/many** people in this village?