

PRACTICE

A Are these nouns countable (C) or uncountable (U)?

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| 1 office | C | 9 accommodation |
| 2 news | U | 10 assistant |
| 3 knowledge | | 11 furniture |
| 4 money | | 12 cotton |
| 5 bonus | | 13 employment |
| 6 software | | 14 task |
| 7 customer | | 15 advice |
| 8 campaign | | 16 coin |

B Circle the correct expression.

- We've made progress / a progress.
- She's found a job / a work in a department store.
- During the course we received a training / training in every aspect of the job.
- Her advice is / advices are usually very reliable.
- It was an incredible piece of luck / luck.
- She sent me detailed information / a detailed information about the project.
- In Greece we had fantastic weather / a fantastic weather.
- Did you have a good travel / trip to Tokyo?
- We manufacture equipment / an equipment made of a reinforced glass / reinforced glass.
- The price for the holiday includes flights and accommodation / accommodations.

C Complete the sentences with these uncountable nouns.

advertising information insurance petrol transport trouble

- Can you give me some information about the course?
- We can probably claim the damage on our
- The company will arrange to and from the airport.
- We're having a spot of with the new computer system.
- I travel 100 km every day by car so I spend a lot of money on
- in our magazine is aimed at 18–25 year olds.

B Making nouns plural

What is the plural of the following words?

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| 1 bag | 6 shelf |
| 2 person | 7 fax |
| 3 party | 8 knife |
| 4 formula | 9 criterion |
| 5 potato | 10 match |

C Singular or plural?

Complete the sentences with *is, are, has* or *have*.

- Statistics a subject about which I know very little.
- The goods you ordered arrived.
- All their belongings in their hotel room.
- People often strange.
- Mathematics often used as a test of intelligence.
- The government a new piece of legislation to introduce.

A Countable or uncountable?

Decide whether the following nouns are used as countable nouns (C) or uncountable nouns (U), as in the examples.

She has had three years' **experience** as a solicitor. U

The demotion was a painful **experience**. C

- 1 Are you here for **business** or pleasure?
- 2 He has set up a small fashion **business**.
- 3 I've never read the **works** of Shakespeare.
- 4 She's found **work** as a commercial assistant.
- 5 Have you got a good **light** in your study?
- 6 Were you able to throw any **light** on the subject?
- 7 We'll need some more wine **glasses** for the reception.
- 8 Fifty per cent of our bottles are made of recycled **glass**.
- 9 They failed to reach an **agreement**.
- 10 Is there **agreement** on how much will be spent?
- 11 We need to buy some new office **equipment**.
- 12 Apprentices have to build a piece of **equipment** as part of the course's learning outcomes.

B Matching countable and uncountable nouns

Match each countable noun with an uncountable noun with a similar meaning.

traffic equipment insurance machines accidents cars employment policies travel advice news laws legislation damage jobs journey bulletins hints
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Countable

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Uncountable

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A Nouns only occurring in the plural

Complete the sentences using these words.

refreshments premises valuables goods works crossroads outskirts means
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- 1 Their offices are on the of Milan.
- 2 The money was acquired by dishonest
- 3 Please hand in all to the reception desk.
- 4 The demand for and services is lower this year.
- 5 Our new are located downtown near the municipal library.
- 6 He's the official in charge of the engineering
- 7 – tea, coffee and snacks – will be served during the break.
- 8 When I became redundant for the first time, I felt I had reached a in my life.