

## Grammar

### Countable and uncountable nouns

1 Underline the ten abstract words in this list of uncountable nouns. Then use them to complete sentences 1-10 below.

advice cereal charm education fruit glass  
information intelligence knowledge luggage  
paper petrol progress research rice soap  
stone talent work

- 1 To my knowledge..... the documents you require were dispatched well before midday.
- 2 Rapid ..... has been made in recent years in the prevention of malaria.
- 3 Robert was always able to turn on the ..... when a situation became difficult.
- 4 Joanna was always totally professional when she applied herself to her .....
- 5 Learning to read at the age of three was an obvious sign of Tom's level of .....
- 6 My boss always gave very sound ..... to younger members of the team.
- 7 My sister's ..... for singing was obvious from an early age.
- 8 Little ..... is available about the ruined castle in the centre of the town.
- 9 I've always thought that the ..... you receive at an early age is the key to success in life.
- 10 Current ..... into arthritis should lead to the development of a new drug.

### Verbs followed by prepositions

2a The verbs in the box below are all followed by prepositions. Write them in the correct column.

adapt apply base believe compliment  
concentrate contribute decide depend donate  
engage focus impact insist participate react  
refer result thrive

IN	ON	TO
		adapt

b Choose one of the verbs from the box to go in each sentence and put it into the correct form.

- 1 She gave an amusing and informative talk without once referring..... to her notes.
- 2 My manager ..... me on the way I'd handled the situation.
- 3 The new entry requirements will only be ..... to students in certain departments.
- 4 Some people seem to ..... on constant stress whereas for others it causes problems.
- 5 If you ..... in yourself, you'll come across as much more confident.

3 Choose one word to go in each pair of sentences. In one of the sentences the word is countable and in the other it is uncountable so you may need to put it in the correct form to fit the meaning.

difficulty experience painting reason weight work

- 1 a A huge amount of .....work..... has gone into this drawing.  
b There are a number of well-known ..... of art which the gallery is trying to buy at the moment.
- 2 a The heat presented Shona with little ..... because she'd been brought up in Malaysia.  
b The ..... they encountered were so great they abandoned the attempt to cross the channel in canoes.
- 3 a I was advised to do some training with ..... to build up my strength.  
b I was amazed at how much ..... I'd put on during the trip.
- 4 a As soon as I took up ..... I got completely absorbed in it and spent all day in my studio.  
b I produced such a large number of ..... that I had to give some away.
- 5 a I enjoyed hearing about Ali's different ..... as road manager for a band.  
b I know from ..... that there's no point getting angry with Oliver.
- 6 a I never understood what Steve's ..... were for leaving the company.  
b Lara suddenly ran out of the room for no obvious .....

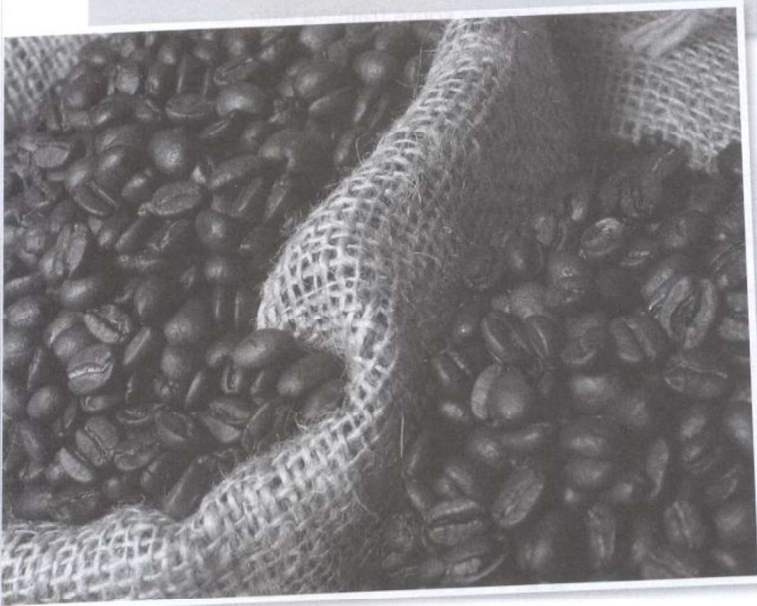
Articles

- 4 Read this extract from a website and then complete the gaps, using the correct form of the article, *a*, *an*, *the* or  $\emptyset$ .

**The Global Importance of Coffee**

Over (1) .....the..... last three hundred years coffee has made its way around (2) ..... world, establishing itself in (3) ..... economies and lifestyles of (4) ..... main trading nations. Coffee is now one of (5) ..... most valuable primary commodities in (6) ..... world, often second in (7) ..... value only to (8) ..... oil as (9) ..... source of foreign exchange to (10) ..... developing countries. Millions of people earn their living from (11) ..... coffee industry.

At times in (12) ..... history coffee has been hailed as (13) ..... medicinal cure-all, and at others condemned as (14) ..... evil brew. In the latter case this was usually for (15) ..... political or religious reasons, when (16) ..... coffee houses were at their height of popularity as (17) ..... meeting places. However, in (18) ..... last half-century, scientific research has established (19) ..... facts about coffee, caffeine and our health: in moderation coffee consumption is in no way (20) ..... health risk; indeed drinking coffee can confer some health benefits.



**Vocabulary**

**Word building**

Complete the table below. Write in the missing abstract noun or verb form. Put an asterisk (\*) by the words which have the same form in the verb and noun form.

VERB	NOUN	VERB	NOUN
condemn		applaud	applause
consume			defence
create			definition
date*	date		delight
emit			economy
inscribe			experience
presume			function
portray			industry
recover			practice
research			supply
survive			suspect

**Writing | Part 2**

**A proposal**

- 1 Read the proposal on page 61 quickly. What is being suggested, and to whom?
- 2 Read the proposal again and put one of the linking/referencing words or phrases below in each gap. Use each one only once.

an additional measure    however    in which  
 itself    one final step    such    them  
 therefore    these    this    thus    which

- 3 There are four verbs in the passive form in the proposal. Find them and underline them.
- 4 Think of a brief heading for each of the four main paragraphs.

## Introduction

The purpose of this proposal is to suggest ways  
(1) .....in which..... cycling provision in the city could be improved. I will suggest a range of measures to achieve this.

A .....

There is already a series of cycle tracks leading from the 'park and ride' car parks around the city. (2) ..... has encouraged local people to see their bicycles as a valid means of transport, (3) ..... has in turn brought enormous benefits in terms of the environment. There remain, (4) ..... a number of further improvements to be made by the council.

B .....

The first of (5) ..... is a major reorganisation of the traffic flow. Our city is historic, with narrow streets; it is dangerous to maintain two-way traffic on (6) ..... roads and adding a cycle lane simply compounds the problem. I (7) ..... suggest that a one-way system is introduced at the earliest possible opportunity.

C .....

(8) ..... that would bring rapid results is if businesses provided secure bicycle storage on their premises and also showers on site and even loans to buy bicycles. That would mean employees would have an incentive to cycle to work.

D .....

(9) ..... would be to offer bicycles for daily hire in the historic city centre (10) ..... at a rate that would be appealing to tourists, and also to offer (11) ..... as an option at the park and ride car parks, (12) ..... taking pressure off the bus system too.

## Conclusion

I believe that if all the suggested measures were implemented, cycling in the city would soon become the transport of choice for most people.

## Reading and Use of English | Part 4

For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Here is an example (0).

## Example:

0 I do not intend to stay in my present job very much longer.

## POSSIBILITY

There is .....no possibility of me staying..... in my present job very much longer.

1 We should leave about six, otherwise we might not get there in time for dinner.

## SET

If ..... by six, we might not get there in time for dinner.

2 Kim and Sara agreed that the lecture was the best one they had ever attended.

## BETTER

Kim and Sara agreed that they had ..... lecture.

3 I discovered that the man I sat next to at the planning meeting was a member of the council.

## TURNED

The man I sat next to at the planning meeting ..... a member of the council.

4 There is no point in tidying the room before we've finished decorating.

## SENSE

It makes ..... the room before we've finished decorating.

5 Tony rarely says much when our group is discussing things.

## PARTICIPATES

Tony hardly ..... our group discussions.

6 The bus driver admitted causing the accident at the crossroads.

## BLAME

The bus driver ..... the accident at the crossroads.

## Reading and Use of English | Part 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

## Example:

0 A originate

B belong

C date

D exist

## The Beauty of the Beasts

The earliest known drawings, which survive in caves in Western Europe, (0) ..... back about 30,000 years. The fact that some people (1) ..... considerable distances along underground passages in (2) ..... darkness to create them is evidence that producing such pictures was an (3) ..... of great importance to these artists.

But what was their purpose? Perhaps drawing was an essential part of the ceremonies enacted to bring success in hunting. Perhaps the paintings were intended not to (4) ..... the death of the creatures portrayed but, (5) ....., to ensure their fertility, and thus a good supply of meat. The only certainty is that these drawings are assured, accurate and breathtakingly beautiful.



This practice of painting (6) ..... of animals on walls continued throughout our history. Five thousand years ago, when people in Egypt built the world's first cities, they too inscribed animals on their walls. There is, however, no (7) ..... about the function of these: the Egyptians (8) ..... animals as gods.

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 A approached  | B crawled         | C dragged     | D proceeded         |
| 2 A whole       | B entire          | C full        | D complete          |
| 3 A act         | B impact          | C operation   | D effect            |
| 4 A take over   | B bring about     | C put forward | D make out          |
| 5 A in contrast | B on the contrary | C not at all  | D on the other hand |
| 6 A aspects     | B appearances     | C reflections | D images            |
| 7 A suspicion   | B reason          | C mistrust    | D doubt             |
| 8 A celebrated  | B praised         | C worshipped  | D adored            |

## Listening | Part 1

15 You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

### Extract One

You hear part of a radio discussion about Monarch butterflies.

- 1 According to the man, in what way do Monarch butterflies differ from other butterflies?
  - A They fly very long distances.
  - B They spend the winter in a warm climate.
  - C They survive best at high altitude.
  
- 2 What does the man find surprising about Monarch butterflies?
  - A They can only migrate once.
  - B They migrate in large groups.
  - C They migrate to a precise location.

### Extract Two

You hear two friends talking about the final of a cookery competition they saw on television.

- 3 They agree that the winning contestant
  - A performed well at a crucial moment.
  - B fully deserved to win the contest.
  - C used an intriguing range of ingredients.
  
- 4 The woman thinks that yesterday's cookery programme could be improved by
  - A adding a new person to the judges' panel.
  - B varying the format of the presentation.
  - C specifying what style of cooking contestants must do.



### Extract Three

You hear two friends discussing a trip to a game park in South Africa.

- 5 Before the woman went to South Africa, the man had told her that
  - A the sheer size of the animals would be impressive.
  - B the game park would be the highlight of the trip.
  - C the sunsets were spectacular in this kind of landscape.
  
- 6 The woman thought the elephant approached their jeep because
  - A it wanted to warn them off.
  - B it was searching for food.
  - C it was simply curious.