

**A** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 I love this time in **evening** / **the evening** when the sun is going down.
- 2 People play **cricket** / **the cricket** in South Africa, Australia and Sri Lanka.
- 3 It's too far to walk so I think I'll catch **bus** / **the bus**.
- 4 Jane had to go home from school because she had **a headache** / **the headache**.
- 5 The robber was sent to **prison** / **the prison** for a total of three years.
- 6 My cousin works as **waiter** / **a waiter** in a cafe near where we live.
- 7 The underground doesn't run this late so we'll have to take **a taxi** / **the taxi**.
- 8 I like to listen to **music** / **the music** in my free time.
- 9 My favourite subject at school is **chemistry** / **the chemistry**.
- 10 Jazz music appeared in America **in 1920s** / **in the 1920s**.

**B** Choose the correct answer. If no word is needed, choose 'D'.

- 1 Oh, I didn't tell you! We've got ..... new English teacher.  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 2 Here's ..... DVD you asked to borrow.  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 3 We're out of ..... coffee, so could you get some from the supermarket?  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 4 The prize is ..... unique opportunity to travel the world!  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 5 It looks like ..... glass in your bedroom window is cracked.  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 6 It's ..... honour to be here this evening to speak to you.  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 7 There's ..... good chance we'll be late for the meeting.  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 8 Reports are coming in of a major oil spill in ..... Mediterranean.  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 9 I went to see the doctor because I'm finding it difficult to sleep at ..... night.  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*
- 10 Do you think that they'll ever send a manned mission to ..... Venus?  
A a      B an      C the      D *no word*

**C** Circle the extra word in each line.**Being in the news**

- 1 The many people who appear in the news for the first time
- 2 find that a sudden fame has a negative effect on their lives.
- 3 The national press can be an unforgiving and the loss of
- 4 the privacy that comes with fame is an extra problem at a
- 5 difficult time. This is especially the case when a someone is
- 6 in the news because of a tragedy or the serious crime. Just
- 7 at the moment when you are under a most stress, you find
- 8 microphones and the cameras in your face. The media have
- 9 a responsibility to inform the public, but an innocent people
- 10 are often hurt by the demand for the scandal.



**D Complete using the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

- 1 The clothes you bought me for my birthday ..... (be) wonderful!
- 2 It turned out that the information we had received ..... (be) wrong.
- 3 My new jeans ..... (be) in the wash and I wanted to wear them tonight.
- 4 The luggage on a plane ..... (take) up a lot of room.
- 5 Your hair ..... (look) really nice and shiny.
- 6 I could tell by the look on her face that the news ..... (not / be) good.
- 7 Oh, no! My money ..... (be) in my other jacket!

**E Find ten mistakes in this passage and correct them.**

**Newflash!**

- 1 'We interrupt your usual schedule to bring you an important news. We are receiving
- 2 informations about a spaceship that has landed outside the White House. The large
- 3 ship seems to be made of glasses. Reports say that a short time ago aliens came out
- 4 of the craft. Eye-witnesses described them as short and said their clothes was made
- 5 of metal and their hairs was bright green. Strangely, one of them appeared to be
- 6 wearing a jean. Much people said that they seemed to be friendly. The President of the
- 7 United States is currently holding a meeting with the visitors in the hope that we can
- 8 exchange knowledges. Police advice are to stay indoors and under no circumstances
- 9 approach the spaceship. We will be back with another news as soon as we can. And
- 10 now, back to your usual programme, *Gardening for Beginners*.'

**F Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.**

- 1 Not many people came to the party. **only**  
There ..... people at the party.
- 2 The witness described the mugger to the police. **a**  
The witness ..... of the mugger.
- 3 There isn't much sugar left. **a**  
There ..... sugar left.
- 4 I am thinking of becoming a firefighter when I leave school. **brigade**  
I am thinking of ..... when I leave school.
- 5 We were shocked by the news and didn't know what to do. **shocking**  
The news ..... didn't know what to do.
- 6 There aren't many good films out at the moment. **only**  
There ..... good films out at the moment.
- 7 I didn't eat much dessert because I'm on a diet. **only**  
I ..... dessert because I'm on a diet.
- 8 You have lots of hats! **lot**  
What ..... you have!



**G Match to make sentences.**

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| 1 I'm quite busy so I've got .....             | <b>A</b> a little time to talk to you now.               |
| 2 Happily, we have had .....                   | <b>B</b> a few people recycle their rubbish.             |
| 3 My dad just got a good job so we have .....  | <b>C</b> a few complaints from hotel guests recently.    |
| 4 Pollution is improving now that .....        | <b>D</b> little money for luxuries.                      |
| 5 My mum has lost her job so we have .....     | <b>E</b> few people recycle their rubbish.               |
| 6 My lesson's been cancelled so I've got ..... | <b>F</b> very few complaints from hotel guests recently. |
| 7 It's a shame that .....                      | <b>G</b> a little money for luxuries.                    |
| 8 Unfortunately, we have had .....             | <b>H</b> very little time to talk to you now.            |

**H Choose the correct answer.**

- 1 If you have ..... time at the end of the exam, check your answers.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 2 Give me ..... minutes and I'll be ready.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 3 We've only got ..... milk left so get some when you go shopping.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 4 Just ..... practice every day and you'll soon be able to play the piano.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 5 We were disappointed that ..... of the members came to the youth club party.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 6 Sprinkle ..... sugar on the strawberries.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 7 I suppose now I'm 43, I have ..... hope of playing football for England.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 8 Could you help me with ..... exercises I don't understand?  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 9 There's ..... coffee left, if anyone wants some.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 10 Becoming an astronaut is so demanding that ..... people manage it.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 11 I'll meet you in half an hour - I've got ..... e-mails to write first.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little
- 12 Many people feel there's ..... point in voting, even in a general election.  
A few      B a few      C little      D a little