

## ● Articles / countable and uncountable nouns / quantifiers

### Indefinite article

There are two indefinite articles in English: 'a' and 'an'. 'An' is used before vowel sounds.

Use	Example
Singular countable nouns (when we are not being specific or when we mention something for the first time)	There's <b>a</b> good film on TV tonight.



- Whether we use 'an' or 'a' depends on the sound, **not** the spelling.
  - ✓ *The news is on TV in **an** hour.*
  - ✗ *The news is on TV in **a** hour.*
  - ✓ *Being in a film was **a** unique experience for me.*
  - ✗ *Being in a film was **an** unique experience for me.*

### Definite article

There is one definite article in English: 'the'.

Use	Example
Singular countable nouns (when we are being specific)	Where's <b>the</b> DVD you were talking about?
Singular countable nouns (when we are talking generally)	<b>The</b> radio seemed amazing to people at first.
Plural countable nouns (when we are being specific)	I didn't believe <b>the</b> rumours about the prime minister.
Uncountable nouns (when we are being specific)	I followed <b>the</b> advice my lawyer gave me.



- The way we say 'the' changes depending on the sound at the start of the next word.
  - Before a consonant sound (*the media, the USA, the programme*), we pronounce it /ðə/.
  - Before a vowel sound (*the announcer, the actor, the editor*), we pronounce it /ði/.
- We often use 'the' when we are talking about something there is only one of.
  - ✓ **the** sky, **the** sun, **the** moon, **the** Prince of Wales, **the** North Pole, **the** World Cup

### Zero article

We often don't use an article at all. This is sometimes called the zero article.

Use	Example
Plural countable nouns (when we are talking generally)	<i>Journalists often face dangerous situations.</i>
Uncountable nouns (when we are talking generally)	<i>News travels fast these days.</i>

### Articles in phrases and expressions

Notice how we use articles in the following phrases and expressions. Many of these are examples of general categories. For example, '**the** River Thames' means that we use 'the' for all rivers.

Use	Example
Time	definite article: <i>in <b>the</b> 1990s, in (<b>the</b>) summer, in <b>the</b> morning</i> zero article: <i>in 2008, in June, on Friday, at night</i>
People and work	indefinite article: <i>have <b>a</b> job, work as <b>a</b> ...</i> definite article: <i><b>the</b> queen, <b>the</b> principal, <b>the</b> president, <b>the</b> French</i> zero article: <i>become president, go to work, be at work, have work to do, he's French.</i>
Places	definite article: <i><b>the</b> Alps, <b>the</b> Atlantic Ocean, <b>the</b> River Thames, <b>the</b> Earth, <b>the</b> Arctic, <b>the</b> USA, <b>the</b> UK, <b>the</b> Cyclades</i> zero article: <i>Mount Everest, Paris, America, Mars/Venus/Jupiter etc, Oxford Street, Lake Superior, Crete</i>
Entertainment and sport	definite article: <i><b>the</b> media, on <b>the</b> radio, play <b>the</b> guitar, go to <b>the</b> cinema, watch (<b>the</b>) TV</i> zero article: <i>listen to music, on television, play tennis/football etc</i>



Use	Example
Organisations	definite article: <b>the</b> army, <b>the</b> police, <b>the</b> fire brigade
Education	definite article: go to <b>the</b> school (as a visitor), be in <b>the</b> first year zero article: go to school (as a student), be in Class 3B, maths
Travel	indefinite article: take <b>a</b> taxi, catch <b>a/the</b> bus definite article: on <b>the</b> bus zero article: on foot, go home, go by bus
Health	indefinite article: have <b>a</b> cold/headache/cough definite article: have ( <b>the</b> ) flu/measles zero article: have toothache
Public buildings	definite article: <b>the</b> bank, <b>the</b> tax office, go to <b>the</b> hospital/prison (as a visitor) zero article: go to hospital/prison/church (as a patient/prisoner/worshipper)

**US vs UK Grammar**

- Speakers of American English do not usually use *hospital* without an article.

**US:** The ambulance took Simon to **the** hospital.

**UK:** The ambulance took Simon to hospital.

## Countable and uncountable nouns

Type	Example
Countable nouns ● Use <i>a, the, some, many</i> ● Use a singular or plural verb	<i>I want to be <b>a</b> journalist. Where is <b>the</b> newspaper? There are <b>some</b> good <b>articles</b> in the paper. How <b>many</b> <b>channels</b> do you get?</i>
Uncountable nouns ● Use <i>the, some, much</i> ● Use a singular verb	<i>Did you hear <b>the</b> news? <b>Some</b> important <b>news</b> has just come in. How <b>much</b> <b>information</b> do we have about it? Your <b>advice</b> was very useful.</i>
Common uncountable nouns: <i>advice, coffee, furniture, glass, hair, homework, information, knowledge, luggage, money, news, paper, work</i>	

**Watch out!**

- Most uncountable nouns are singular, but a few are plural. These include *clothes, scissors, jeans, spectacles, trousers, groceries*, etc. With these words, we use a plural verb.  
✓ *Oh, no! My new **clothes** **are** dirty!*
- Some nouns are countable with one meaning and uncountable with another meaning.  
✓ *Do you think you could bring me **a** clean **glass**?* (countable)  
✓ *We should make computer monitors out of recycled **glass**.* (uncountable)

## Quantifiers

Quantifier	Use	Example
<i>many</i>	● countable nouns, usually in negative statements and questions	<i>There aren't <b>many</b> programmes on TV that I find interesting.</i>
<i>much</i>	● uncountable nouns, usually in negative statements and questions	<i>My dad never shows <b>much</b> interest in the news.</i>
<i>a lot of / lots of</i>	● countable and uncountable nouns in positive statements	<i>That film has won <b>a lot of / lots of</b> awards. What <b>a lot of</b> luggage you've got!</i>
<i>a few</i>	● countable nouns, means 'some'	<i>There have been <b>a few</b> scandals in the papers recently.</i>
<i>a little</i>	● uncountable nouns, means 'some'	<i>They say that <b>a little</b> knowledge is a dangerous thing.</i>
<i>few</i>	● countable nouns, means 'not many'	<i>Richard has <b>few</b> interests outside work.</i>
<i>little</i>	● uncountable nouns, means 'not much'	<i>The police have <b>little</b> information about the robbery.</i>

**Watch out!**

- The phrase 'only a few' means 'not many'. The phrase 'only a little' means 'not much'.  
✓ *There are **only a few** programmes on TV that I like watching.*  
✓ *There's **only a little** sugar left, so get some when you go out.*



**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



**I** Write an article in each gap where necessary. If an article is not necessary, write a dash (–).

**Ray:** Hello?

**Sandy:** Hi. Is that Ray? It's (1) ..... Sandy.

**Ray:** Oh, hi! How was (2) ..... film?

**Sandy:** Great! We took (3) ..... taxi to (4) ..... cinema and (5) ..... taxi driver got lost, so we almost missed (6) ..... start. What about you? What did you do (7) ..... last night?

**Ray:** Oh, I just stayed at (8) ..... home. I listened to (9) ..... music for a while and then watched (10) ..... news.

**Sandy:** Oh, yes? So what's happening in (11) ..... world? Anything I should know about?

**Ray:** Well, I know you don't like (12) ..... politics, but there was (13) ..... interesting report on (14) ..... Asia. It gave me (15) ..... few ideas for (16) ..... geography essay we were talking about (17) ..... other day.

**Sandy:** Ah, right. Anything else?

**Ray:** Nothing important. Just that (18) ..... lead singer of your favourite band is getting married – to (19) ..... actress, (20) ..... one who was in that film ...

**Sandy:** What?! Why didn't you tell me? I have to check this out on (21) ..... Internet! See you at (22) ..... school tomorrow. Bye!

**Ray:** Okay. Bye.

**J** Rewrite the sentences correctly, adding articles where necessary.

- 1 We went to theatre last night and saw great play, although some of acting was bit poor.  
.....
- 2 Give me ring tomorrow before I go to work and we'll arrange to meet at office.  
.....
- 3 Prime minister told reporter that government wanted to pass law banning hunting.  
.....
- 4 I asked hotel manager where pool was and she directed me to seventh floor.  
.....
- 5 They said on news on radio that Mount Vesuvius, volcano that destroyed Pompeii, could erupt again.  
.....
- 6 Car has revolutionised transport and is absolutely vital to economy of most countries.  
.....
- 7 Judge read jury's verdict aloud and then sentenced accused to five years in prison.  
.....
- 8 Job in media can be quite stressful because of pressure you are under to do things on time.  
.....
- 9 Very few people in 19<sup>th</sup> century went to school or university and most started work at very young age.  
.....
- 10 I have little free time since I gave up karate, so I'm thinking of trying new hobby, like learning musical instrument.  
.....

## ● The media

### Topic vocabulary in contrast

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deny / refuse	talk show / quiz show / game show	press / media
agree / accept	announcer / commentator	programme / program
headline / heading	tabloid / broadsheet	channel / broadcast
feature / article	journalist / columnist	bulletin / newsflash

### Phrasal verbs

<b>bring up</b> start discussing a subject	<b>look up</b> try to find information in a book or list, etc
<b>come on</b> start to be broadcast	<b>make out</b> pretend that something is true; see, hear or understand sb or sth with difficulty
<b>come out</b> be published	<b>make up</b> invent an explanation, excuse, etc; create a story, poem, etc
<b>fill in</b> add information in the spaces on a document	<b>put forward</b> suggest
<b>flick through</b> turn and look at the pages of a magazine, etc quickly	<b>see through</b> recognise that sth is not true and not be tricked by it
<b>go into</b> deal with sth in detail	<b>stand out</b> be easy to see because of being different
<b>hand out</b> give things to people in a group	<b>turn over</b> turn a page so that the other side is towards you

### Phrases and collocations

<b>control</b>	in control (of sth); take control (of sth); under control; under the control of sb; out of control
<b>description</b>	give a description of sth/sb
<b>difference</b>	make a difference (to sth/sb); tell the difference (between); there's no/some/little/etc difference between
<b>granted</b>	take sth/sb for granted
<b>influence</b>	influence sth/sb; have/be an influence on sth/sb
<b>Internet</b>	on the Internet; over the Internet; surf the Internet
<b>news</b>	in the news; on the news; hear the news; newsflash; newspaper
<b>place</b>	take place; in place of; at a place
<b>question</b>	ask/answer a question; question sth/sb; in question; question mark
<b>view</b>	have/hold/take a view; be sb's view that; in my view; in view of; look at/see the view; view of sth; view from sth/swh
<b>watch</b>	watch sth/sb; watch (out) for sth/sb; keep watch

### Word patterns

<b>according to sb</b>	<b>inform sb that</b> ; inform sb about/of sth
<b>announce sth (to sb)</b> ; announce that	<b>likely to do</b> ; likely that
<b>believe sth</b> ; believe in sth; believe that; believe to be	<b>persuade sb to do</b> ; persuade sb that; persuade sb of sth
<b>comment on sth</b> ; make a comment (to sb) about sth	<b>point (in) doing</b>
<b>confuse sth/sb with sth/sb</b> ; confused about/by sth	<b>send sb sth</b> ; send sth (to sb)
<b>correspond with sth/sb</b>	<b>surprise by surprise</b> ; surprised at/by sth
<b>describe sth/sb as</b> ; describe sth/sb to sb	<b>tell sb sth</b> ; tell sb that; tell sb about sth/doing; tell sb (not) to do
<b>hear sth/sb</b> ; hear about sth/sb; hear from sb	

### Word formation

<b>announce</b> announcement, (un)announced	<b>edit</b> editor, editorial, edited	<b>power</b> powerful(ly), powerless(ly), empower
<b>belief</b> disbelief, believe, (un)believable, (un)believably	<b>humour</b> humorous, humourless	<b>ridicule</b> ridiculous(ly), ridiculousness
<b>communicate</b> communication, (un)communicative, communicator	<b>inform</b> information, (un)informed, (un)informative	<b>second</b> secondly, secondary
<b>convince</b> convinced, (un)convincing	<b>journal</b> journalist, journalism, journalistic	<b>write</b> writer, writing, wrote, (un)written
<b>discuss</b> discussion	<b>politics</b> political(ly), politician	



### Topic vocabulary in contrast

#### A Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

- 1 John Sanders, MP, ..... any involvement in the scandal when asked about it yesterday.
- 2 The politician ..... to say more when questioned by reporters this morning.
- 3 Johnny Depp rarely ..... invitations to do interviews.
- 4 Johnny Depp ..... to appear at a press conference to promote his latest film.
- 5 Did you see the newspaper ..... this morning?
- 6 If you give every paragraph of your report a ..... , it'll be easier to read.
- 7 *Living Today* has got a special ..... this month on healthy diets. There are interviews with nutritionists, menus, recipes, and loads of other things too.
- 8 There's an interesting ..... in the paper about the Constitution of the European Union.
- 9 I generally trust what I hear on the news, but rarely believe anything I read in the .....
- 10 The ..... involve print journalism, TV, radio and even electronic forms of communication such as the Internet.
- 11 We interrupt this programme to bring you an urgent .....
- 12 And we'll be back with our regular ..... at seven o'clock.

deny  
refuse

agree  
accept

heading  
headline

feature  
article

press  
media

bulletin  
newflash

#### B Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 It's a great computer **programme** / **program** once you get the hang of it.
- 2 I hate **tabloid** / **broadsheet** newspapers; they're just full of gossip, scandal and lies!
- 3 As a **journalist** / **columnist** for a local paper, you don't have to interview people or attend events. You just have to express your opinions about the issues of the day.
- 4 There's a great **talk** / **quiz** / **game** show on BBC1 tonight. Contestants have to race through a supermarket as quickly as they can, filling up their trolleys as they go.
- 5 On some TV channels, **an announcer** / **a commentator** tells you what the next programme is going to be.
- 6 Join us at half past nine for a live **broadcast** / **channel** of the State Opening of Parliament.

### Phrasal verbs

#### C Write one word in each gap.

- 1 Please do not ..... over your examination papers until you are instructed to do so.
- 2 I had to ..... in so many forms. It took me hours!
- 3 I'd like everyone here to ..... forward as many suggestions as possible.
- 4 There was a guy in the street ..... out free tickets to that new quiz show.
- 5 He ..... out that he'd worked in children's TV, but in fact he's never been near a TV studio!
- 6 Could you ..... up her number in the phone book?
- 7 She ..... out as one of the finest contemporary British novelists around at the moment.



**D** 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 Her latest bestseller was published last month. **out**  
Her latest bestseller ..... last month.
- 2 That story's not true, is it? **up**  
You ..... , didn't you?
- 3 The programme starts at half past six. **on**  
The programme ..... at half past six.
- 4 The documentary didn't really explore why the rainforests are being cut down. **into**  
The documentary didn't really ..... why the rainforests are being cut down.
- 5 I had a quick look at the magazine in the dentist's waiting room. **through**  
I ..... in the dentist's waiting room.
- 6 I don't think we need to mention that now. **up**  
I don't think we need to ..... now.
- 7 Your lies don't fool me! **through**  
I can ..... your lies!

### Phrases and collocations

**E** Choose the correct answer.

- 1 It's not always easy to ..... the difference between fact and opinion.  
A make                      C say  
B do                         D tell
- 2 The debate will ..... place tonight.  
A be                         C take  
B have                      D make
- 3 In my ..... , freedom of the press must be maintained.  
A mind                      C sight  
B view                       D thought
- 4 Media mogul Ronald Morduck has ..... control of another tabloid.  
A made                      C given  
B found                     D taken
- 5 They ..... a description of the robber on *CrimeTime* and it sounded like you!  
A made                      C said  
B told                        D gave
- 6 J.K. Rowling has ..... an enormous influence on children's literature.  
A had                        C done  
B given                      D set
- 7 I could spend hours ..... the Internet!  
A surfing                    C sailing  
B diving                     D swimming
- 8 They said ..... the news that the price of petrol is going up again.  
A from                      C on  
B in                         D at
- 9 The issue ..... question is more complex than you think.  
A from                      C on  
B in                         D at
- 10 Watch ..... for words like 'so-called' in articles as they express the writer's bias.  
A about                     C over  
B around                    D out

### Word patterns

**F** Each of the words in bold is incorrect. Rewrite them correctly.

- 1 He's been described by several critics **for** our greatest living poet. ....
- 2 I think you've confused tabloids **by** broadsheets. ....
- 3 Do you believe **about** telepathy? .....
- 4 There's no point **of** trying to get an interview with him. He never does interviews! .....
- 5 According **from** this report, scientists have discovered a new planet. ....
- 6 The facts in this article don't correspond **about** my own experience at all. ....



**G** Water has damaged part of this text about an announcement. Read it and decide what you think each of the original words was. Write the words in the blank spaces.

**The announcement**

The editor sent an e-mail- every journalist on the news desk **1** .....  
 announcing- there would be an emergency editorial meeting **2** .....  
 at one o'clock. I had heard- the problems the paper was facing **3** .....  
 and I heard- one of my colleagues that the paper might be **4** .....  
 going to close. Whatever it was, it was likely- be bad news. **5** .....  
 At the meeting, the editor told us- to tell anyone else yet, but **6** .....  
 the paper had been taken over by Ronald Morduck. He said he had  
 only been informed- the decision that morning. We were all **7** .....  
 so surprised- the news that nobody knew what to say. I made **8** .....  
 a comment- a colleague that it was time to start looking for a **9** .....  
 new job. The editor heard this, and finally managed to persuade us not  
 quit until we had seen what changes would be made. **10** .....

**Word formation**

**H** Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

- 1 Why do press photographers think they can turn up at a celebrity's house completely ..... (**ANNOUNCE**)?
- 2 How many means of ..... (**COMMUNICATE**) do you use on a regular basis?
- 3 Could you write an ..... (**EDIT**) for the next issue of the school magazine?
- 4 You have to have a sense of ..... (**HUMOUR**) to work on children's TV!
- 5 There's an ..... (**WRITE**) rule on tabloid newspapers that the truth always takes second place to a good story.
- 6 When Jill was at ..... (**SECOND**) school she used to dream of being a DJ on local radio.
- 7 Are you thinking of a career in ..... (**JOURNAL**)?
- 8 You don't actually get a lot of ..... (**INFORM**) from a news report on radio or TV.

**I** Complete the text by changing the form of the word in capitals.

**Politics on TV**

I love watching (1) ..... (**DISCUSS**) programmes, and I love politics, so you'd think I'd enjoy watching (2) ..... (**POLITICS**) being interviewed on TV. But I don't. All too often, (3) ..... (**JOURNAL**) ask them the most (4) ..... (**RIDICULE**) questions, and, when they do get an interesting question, I sit there watching in (5) ..... (**BELIEVE**) as some of the most (6) ..... (**POWER**) people in the country give totally (7) ..... (**CONVINCE**) responses. It's as if they don't care whether their reply is (8) ..... (**BELIEVE**) or not. Often, they're very poor (9) ..... (**COMMUNICATE**), and they're frequently even more (10) ..... (**INFORM**) about key issues than I am. I don't expect them to be particularly (11) ..... (**HUMOUR**) – they are serious people, after all – but at least they could say something interesting occasionally. It makes me want to stand for election myself!



**A** If a line is correct, put a tick (✓) next to the number. If there is an extra word in a line, write it next to the number.

**Quiz Show**

- 1 ..... Last month, I wrote to a few local television station asking if
- 2 ..... they gave away the free tickets to any shows. A week later,
- 3 ..... they sent to me two tickets for a quiz show. I went with my
- 4 ..... best friend Angie last night. It was an excellent! The show
- 5 ..... is called *Know Them Or Not?* and contestants have to
- 6 ..... answer questions about a lots of different people in their lives,
- 7 ..... like friends, relatives and colleagues. There are ten contestants
- 8 ..... to start with but one of them gets knocked out at the end of
- 9 ..... each round. I'd like to go into on a show like that one day
- 10 ..... but, for now, I'm much happy just to have been in the audience.

(1 mark per answer)

**B** Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

- 11 Why can't ..... (**POLITICS**) ever just say 'yes' or 'no' when they're asked if they agree with something?
- 12 I was hoping this book would help me with my history project but in fact it wasn't very ..... (**INFORM**).
- 13 My cousin Dan has kept a ..... (**JOURNAL**) since he was twelve years old.
- 14 Did you hear that ..... (**ANNOUNCE**) on the radio about the water shortage?
- 15 There's an ..... (**WRITE**) rule in our house about how late we can stay up to watch TV.
- 16 I just stood there in ..... (**BELIEVE**) when I heard I'd been selected to go on the quiz show.
- 17 The Internet is an incredibly powerful means of ..... (**COMMUNICATE**).
- 18 I wouldn't describe the film as a comedy, but one or two scenes are mildly ..... (**HUMOUR**).

(1 mark per answer)

**C** Complete the 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.

- 19 These two dictionaries are similar. **little**  
There ..... these two dictionaries.
- 20 My first editor greatly influenced me. **influence**  
My first editor ..... me.
- 21 They described the robber on the evening news. **gave**  
They ..... the robber on the evening news.
- 22 Robert Maxdoch has just bought the newspaper. **control**  
The newspaper is now ..... Robert Maxdoch.
- 23 You'll be wasting your time if you try to get tickets for that show. **point**  
There ..... to get tickets for that show.
- 24 I believe that adverts do influence people's buying habits. **view**  
It ..... that adverts do influence people's buying habits.



- 25 The prime minister will probably make a statement this afternoon. **likely**  
The prime minister ..... a statement this afternoon.
- 26 A programme about the royal family will be shown instead of *Friends* this evening. **place**  
This evening, ..... *Friends*, a programme about the royal family will be shown.
- 27 The Hollywood star wouldn't say anything about the allegations. **comment**  
The Hollywood star refused ..... the allegations.
- (2 marks per answer)

**D** Use the words in the box only once to complete the sentences in Table A. The meaning of the sentences in Table B will help you. There is one word you won't need.

few • little • lot • lots • many • most • much • some

Table A	Table B
28 How ..... information do we have at the moment?	<i>asking about an amount</i>
29 Only a ..... print journalists manage to move into television.	<i>describing a small amount</i>
30 This magazine's got ..... of adverts in it.	<i>describing a large amount</i>
31 I won ..... money on a quiz show once.	<i>describing an imprecise amount</i>
32 There's ..... chance of getting rich from starting a website.	<i>describing a small amount</i>
33 I think that ..... children's TV programmes these days are educational.	<i>describing a majority</i>
34 There aren't ..... opportunities for poets to get published.	<i>describing a small amount</i>

(1 mark per answer)

**E** Choose the correct answer.

- 35 The programme usually ..... on at half past eight.  
A looks                      C turns  
B does                        D comes
- 36 I saw the interview while I was ..... through a magazine at the hairdresser's.  
A clicking                  C picking  
B flicking                  D ticking
- 37 Why did you have to bring that subject ..... at dinner?  
A up                          C over  
B out                         D off
- 38 They mentioned it in the article but they didn't ..... into detail.  
A make                      C come  
B take                        D go
- 39 The tabloids completely ..... that story about Bruce Willis. It's not true at all!  
A stood out                C made up  
B filled in                 D turned over
- 40 They were ..... out free tickets to the concert to everyone in the shopping centre.  
A handing                 C carrying  
B holding                 D bringing
- 41 We had the volume turned down, so I couldn't make ..... what they were talking about.  
A up                         C in  
B out                        D off

(1 mark per answer)

**Total mark: ..... / 50**