Unit **70**

Countable and uncountable 2

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Exercises

70.1 Which is correct?

- 1 a The engine is making <u>strange noise</u> / a strange noise. What is it? (<u>a strange noise</u> *is correct*)
 - b We live near a busy road so there's a lot of noise / there are a lot of noises.
- 2 a Light / A light comes from the sun.
 - **b** I thought there was somebody in the house because there was <u>light / a light</u> on inside.
- 3 a I was in a hurry this morning. I didn't have $\underline{time} / a time$ for breakfast.
 - b We really enjoyed our holiday. We had great time / a great time.
- 4 a Can I have glass of water / a glass of water, please?
 b Be careful. The window has been broken and there's broken glass / a broken glass on the floor.
- 5 a We stayed at a hotel. We had very nice room / a very nice room.
 - **b** We have a big garage. There's <u>room / a room</u> for two cars.

70.2 Which is correct?

- 1 Did you have <u>nice weather / a nice weather</u> when you were away? (<u>nice weather is correct</u>)
- 2 We were very unfortunate. We had <u>bad luck / a bad luck.</u>
- 3 Our travel / journey from Paris to Moscow by train was very tiring.
- 4 When the fire alarm rang, there was complete chaos / a complete chaos.
- 5 Bad news don't / doesn't make people happy.
- 6 There's some lovely scenery / a lovely scenery in this part of the country.
- 7 I like my job, but it's very hard work / a very hard work.
- 8 I want to print some documents, but the printer is out of paper / papers.
- 9 The trip took a long time. There was <u>heavy traffic / a heavy traffic</u>.
- 10 Your hair is / Your hairs are too long. You should have it / them cut.

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

J	advice furniture	chair hair	damage luggage	experience permission	experience progress		
1	We didn't h	ave much.	<u>luggage</u> jı	ust two small bags	•		
2	We have no)	,	not even a bed or	a table.		
3	There is roo	om for ever	ybody to sit do	wn. There are pler	nty of	·······	
4	Who is that	woman wi	th short	- 	? Do you know ł	her?	
5	Carla's Eng	lish is bette	er than it was. S	he's made good	-	•••••	
6	If you want	to take pic	tures here, you	need to ask for		•	
7	I didn't kno	w what I sh	nould do, so I as	sked Chris for			
8	I don't thin	k Dan shou	ld get the job.	He doesn't have ei	nough	•	
9				s. She could write			•
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w	hat do you	say in thes	se situations?	Use the word in b	brackets in you	r sentence.	
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