



Only Singular

Упражнения

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Underline the nouns which are always singular.

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attitude
bag
baggage
bed
behaviour
suggestion

B

chair
chance
chaos
climate
damage
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133. Why sit in ___ traffic jam when it's quicker to walk?
134. With this exercise plan you will notice ___ enormous improvement in your stamina.
135. You need ___ special software to view the information in the file.
136. You will need ___ permission from your parents to go on the trip.
137. You'll do yourself ___ injury riding that old bike.
138. You're taking ___ pretty selfish attitude over this, aren't you?

TASK 3

Choose the appropriate word.

1. "She used to be a professional singer." — "Is that a (news / fact)?"
2. "What a (chaos / mess)!" she said, surveying the scene after the party.
3. A damp (climate / weather) can damage buildings.
4. A spreadsheet (software / program) doesn't replace the traditional accounts package.
5. (Flat / Accommodation) in San Francisco is very expensive.
6. Are the company's current difficulties a result of bad (accident / luck) or bad judgment?
7. By ill (chance / accident / luck), my flight had been cancelled.
8. Check the acidity of the soil with a test (kit / equipment).
9. Come and take a (furniture / chair).
10. Computer failure has created (chaos / mess) in the passport office.
11. Croatia enjoys a Mediterranean (weather / climate).
12. Did you have a good (trip / travel)?
13. Don't let your kids load pirated games (software / program) onto your machine.
14. Drink lots of water in hot (weather / climate).
15. Enjoy your holiday! I hope you have good (day / weather).
16. Fair (day / weather) was forecast for the following day.
17. Has the director given you (permission / licence) to do that?

18. He aggravated a neck (injury / damage) while playing for Derby County.
19. He came home to find an empty (furniture / bed).
20. He designs (software / program) for an Atlanta-based company.
21. He displayed a condescending (behavior / attitude) towards his co-workers.
22. He gestured towards an empty (furniture / chair).
23. He got fed up with living out of a (baggage / suitcase) and left his job as a sales rep.
24. He got laid off, so now he's looking for (job / work) again.
25. He had his jail term cut for good (behavior / attitude).
26. He joined the club two years ago for a record (money / sum).
27. He made a steady (progress / improvement) and was released within 10 days of admission.
28. He made a very professional (work / job) of replacing the windows.
29. He pulled out with a(n) (injury / damage) at the last moment.
30. He was carrying a battered leather (suitcase / baggage).
31. He was carrying a leather travelling (bag / baggage).
32. Her search took her on an incredible (travel / journey) across the world.
33. He's just back from a (travel / trip) to Alaska.
34. His only possession was a battered old (suitcase / baggage) of clothes.
35. His work provided him with the opportunity for a lot of foreign (trip / travel).
36. Hostels are usually provided as a stopgap until the families can be housed in permanent (flat / accommodation).
37. How can we repay such a large (sum / money)?
38. I didn't know what to do. So I asked Chris for (advice / opinion / recommendation).
39. I didn't mean to break it — it was a(n) (bad luck / accident).
40. I got myself into a complete (mess / chaos).
41. I heave a(n) (furniture / armchair) into the kitchen, lay out some light reading, and prepare a flask of coffee.
42. I share a(n) (apartment / accommodation) with two friends.
43. I went to several libraries to gather (news / information) about the scheme.
44. I'd like a second (opinion / advice) before I make a decision.
45. I'm looking for an (accommodation) apartment on the east side of the city.
46. I'm still looking for (job / work).
47. In the middle of the stage was a drum (equipment / kit).
48. Is it difficult to find a (work / job) at the moment?
49. Isn't it a fact that the firm is losing (sum / money)?
50. It is difficult to find (work / job) in the present economic climate.
51. It seemed an absurdly high (sum / money) to pay for a coat.
52. It's a little-known (fact / information) that the actor was born in London.
53. It's a nice (day / weather) today.
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55. I've downloaded a very good word-processing (software / program).
56. Jeff deceived me once already — I won't give him a second (chance / accident / luck).

57. Mike is unemployed. He can't get a (work / job).
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59. Official (permission / licence) has been granted for more building near the river.
60. Our house is in complete (mess / chaos) at the moment.
61. Please do not leave (bag / baggage) unattended.
62. Please give me a (luck / chance) to explain.
63. Radar (equipment / kit) is used to detect enemy aircraft.
64. Recent discoveries about corruption have done serious (injury / damage) to the company's reputation.
65. She had a heavy (baggage / bag) swinging from each hand.
66. She had a pleasant friendly (behaviour / manner).
67. She has replaced him in the team while he nurses a shoulder (injury / damage).
68. She keeps an emergency medical (equipment / kit) in her car.
69. She tends to wear quite dressy clothes for (work / job).
70. She was blinded by the lights from an oncoming (traffic / vehicle).
71. Smoking has caused irreversible (damage / injury) to his lungs.
72. Taking care of a baby is hard (job / work).
73. Teachers can't always respond effectively to problem (manner / behavior).
74. That's a good (advice / suggestion).
75. The bomb was designed to cause the maximum amount of (injury / damage).
76. The boys were suspended from school for bad (attitude / behavior).
77. The bus crashed into a stationary (vehicle / traffic).
78. The city has a warm (climate / weather).
79. The company develops interactive (program / software) for schoolchildren.
80. The cottage had a delightful sea (view / scenery).
81. The divorce rate is twice as high as in the 1950s — that's a (new information / fact).
82. The doctor said that she was making good (improvement / progress).
83. The gangster offered him a (sum / money) equivalent to a whole year's earnings.
84. The latest figures are a slight (progress / improvement) over last year's results.
85. The master bedroom is filled with antique (bed / furniture).
86. The new factory brought a huge (improvement / progress) in working conditions.
87. The operation has a fifty-fifty (chance / accident / luck) of success.
88. The pictures were generated by a computer (software / program).
89. The players have shown a marked (progress / improvement) in recent weeks.
90. The report included (information / fact) on family incomes in 2006.
91. The room was in a (mess / chaos).
92. The school needs to raise money for new playground (equipment / kit).
93. The service offers young people practical (advice / recommendation) on finding a job.
94. The weapons were exported under a special export (licence / permission).
95. The yacht's crew said that they were making relatively slow (improvement / progress).
96. There was (mess / chaos) in the theatre when the bomb went off.
97. There's (apartment / accommodation) for about five hundred students on campus.

98. They called in a psychologist to give an independent (advice / opinion).
99. They give (recommendation / advice) to people with HIV and AIDS.
100. They offer a 10 percent discount on rail (trip / travel) for students.
101. They were on a (travel / journey) to the Far East.
102. This is a great (improvement / progress) on your previous work.
103. Very few plants can flourish in such an arid (weather / climate).
104. We arranged the party food on a trestle (table / furniture) in the garden.
105. We got stuck in (traffic / vehicle / traffic jam) for several hours.
106. We had a very good (travel / journey).
107. We had nice (weather / climate / day) on Monday for our trip to the coast.
108. We went on a (trip / travel) to the mountains.
109. We were advised to seek legal (advice / opinion / recommendation).
110. We were looking for a(n) (place to live / accommodation).
111. We've bought camping (equipment / kit), including new sleeping bags and a little refrigerator.
112. We're going to have a picnic, (weather / climate) permitting.
113. We've had great (weather / climate) all week.
114. What a beautiful (view / scenery)!
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116. What breathtaking (view / scenery)!
117. What kind of a (work / job) would you like to have?
118. What stunning (view / scenery)!
119. You have to have a (licence / permission) to sell beer.
120. You need a (licence / permission) to fish in this river.
121. You need to back up your theory with one or two hard (facts / information).
122. You need to have agile fingers to do this kind of (job / work).
123. You'll pay some hefty bank charges if you go overdrawn without (permission / licence).

TASK 4

(no key)

Translate, using the words in brackets.

1. Какие хорошие новости! Кто их тебе сообщил? (news)
2. У меня для тебя две новости: хорошая и плохая. С какой начать? (news)
3. Джек не может найти работу. (work)
4. Вчера я получила 5000 рублей, а сейчас не могу найти эти деньги. Куда же я их положила? (money)
5. Это очень важная работа. Отнеситесь к ней со всей серьезностью. (work)
6. Посмотри, какая чудесная погода! Почему бы нам не пойти погулять? (weather)
7. Немедленно уберись в комнате. Я не могу жить в таком хаосе. (chaos)
8. Где вы нашли такое старое программное обеспечение? (software)
9. Такое старое оборудование опасно использовать. (equipment)
10. Это очень важные сведения. Спасибо, что сообщили их нам. (information)

11. Скажите, в каком магазине вы покупали такую красивую мебель? (furniture)
12. Какое отвратительное поведение! (behaviour)
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14. А на что ушли все деньги? (money)
15. Трэвис тратит на путешествия все своё свободное время. (travel)
16. Он заработал много денег и потратил их все на путешествия. (money, travel)
17. Ему нужны деньги, но он не может их заработать. (money)
18. Какая ужасная погода! В такую погоду только дома сидеть. (weather)
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22. Почему ты взял деньги без разрешения? Что это за поведение? (money, permission, behavior)
23. Позволь мне дать тебе два совета. Во-первых, купи хорошую мебель — в таком хаосе жить невозможно. (advice, furniture, chaos) Во-вторых, найди хорошую работу. (work)
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26. Кто дал вам разрешение закупать новое программное обеспечение? (permission, software)
27. Гроза причинила значительный ущерб нашему району. (damage)
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128. What sort of work are you experienced in?
129. What stunning scenery!
130. What time do you start work?
131. When the fire alarm rang, there was total chaos.
132. When you buy a new computer, you usually get software included at no extra cost.
133. Why sit in a traffic jam when it's quicker to walk?
134. With this exercise plan you will notice an enormous improvement in your stamina.

135. You need special software to view the information in the file.
136. You will need permission from your parents to go on the trip.
137. You'll do yourself an injury riding that old bike.
138. You're taking a pretty selfish attitude over this, aren't you?

TASK 3

1. "She used to be a professional singer." — "Is that a fact?"
2. "What a mess!" she said, surveying the scene after the party.
3. A damp climate can damage buildings.
4. A spreadsheet program doesn't replace the traditional accounts package.
5. Accommodation in San Francisco is very expensive.
6. Are the company's current difficulties a result of bad luck or bad judgment?
7. By ill luck, my flight had been cancelled.
8. Check the acidity of the soil with a test kit.
9. Come and take a chair.
10. Computer failure has created chaos in the passport office.
11. Croatia enjoys a Mediterranean climate.
12. Did you have a good trip?
13. Don't let your kids load pirated games software onto your machine.
14. Drink lots of water in hot weather.
15. Enjoy your holiday! I hope you have good weather.
16. Fair weather was forecast for the following day.
17. Has the director given you permission to do that?
18. He aggravated a neck injury while playing for Derby County.
19. He came home to find an empty bed.
20. He designs software for an Atlanta-based company.
21. He displayed a condescending attitude towards his co-workers.
22. He gestured towards an empty chair.
23. He got fed up with living out of a suitcase and left his job as a sales rep.
24. He got laid off, so now he's looking for work again.
25. He had his jail term cut for good behaviour.
26. He joined the club two years ago for a record sum.
27. He made a steady improvement and was released within 10 days of admission.
28. He made a very professional job of replacing the windows.
29. He pulled out with an injury at the last moment.
30. He was carrying a battered leather suitcase.
31. He was carrying a leather travelling bag.
32. Her search took her on an incredible journey across the world.
33. He's just back from a trip to Alaska.
34. His only possession was a battered old suitcase of clothes.
35. His work provided him with the opportunity for a lot of foreign travel.

36. Hostels are usually provided as a stopgap until the families can be housed in permanent accommodation.
37. How can we repay such a large sum?
38. I didn't know what to do. So I asked Chris for advice.
39. I didn't mean to break it — it was an accident.
40. I got myself into a complete mess.
41. I heave an armchair into the kitchen, lay out some light reading, and prepare a flask of coffee.
42. I share an apartment with two friends.
43. I went to several libraries to gather information about the scheme.
44. I'd like a second opinion before I make a decision.
45. I'm looking for an apartment on the east side of the city.
46. I'm still looking for work.
47. In the middle of the stage was a drum kit.
48. Is it difficult to find a job at the moment?
49. Isn't it a fact that the firm is losing money?
50. It is difficult to find work in the present economic climate.
51. It seemed an absurdly high sum to pay for a coat.
52. It's a little-known fact that the actor was born in London.
53. It's a nice day today.
54. It's nice weather today.
55. I've downloaded a very good word-processing program.
56. Jeff deceived me once already — I won't give him a second chance.
57. Mike is unemployed. He can't get a job.
58. Mike is unemployed. He can't get work.
59. Official permission has been granted for more building near the river.
60. Our house is in complete chaos at the moment.
61. Please do not leave baggage unattended.
62. Please give me a chance to explain.
63. Radar equipment is used to detect enemy aircraft.
64. Recent discoveries about corruption have done serious damage to the company's reputation.
65. She had a heavy bag swinging from each hand.
66. She had a pleasant friendly manner.
67. She has replaced him in the team while he nurses a shoulder injury.
68. She keeps an emergency medical kit in her car.
69. She tends to wear quite dressy clothes for work.
70. She was blinded by the lights from an oncoming vehicle.
71. Smoking has caused irreversible damage to his lungs.
72. Taking care of a baby is hard work.
73. Teachers can't always respond effectively to problem behaviour.
74. That's a good suggestion.

75. The bomb was designed to cause the maximum amount of damage.
76. The boys were suspended from school for bad behaviour.
77. The bus crashed into a stationary vehicle.
78. The city has a warm climate.
79. The company develops interactive software for schoolchildren.
80. The cottage had a delightful sea view.
81. The divorce rate is twice as high as in the 1950s — that's a fact.
82. The doctor said that she was making good progress.
83. The gangster offered him a sum equivalent to a whole year's earnings.
84. The latest figures are a slight improvement over last year's results.
85. The master bedroom is filled with antique furniture.
86. The new factory brought a huge improvement in working conditions.
87. The operation has a fifty-fifty chance of success.
88. The pictures were generated by a computer program.
89. The players have shown a marked improvement in recent weeks.
90. The report included information on family incomes in 2006.
91. The room was in a mess.
92. The school needs to raise money for new playground equipment.
93. The service offers young people practical advice on finding a job.
94. The weapons were exported under a special export licence.
95. The yacht's crew said that they were making relatively slow progress.
96. There was chaos in the theatre when the bomb went off.
97. There's accommodation for about five hundred students on campus.
98. They called in a psychologist to give an independent opinion.
99. They give advice to people with HIV and AIDS.
100. They offer a 10 percent discount on rail travel for students.
101. They were on a journey to the Far East.
102. This is a great improvement on your previous work.
103. Very few plants can flourish in such an arid climate.
104. We arranged the party food on a trestle table in the garden.
105. We got stuck in traffic for several hours.
106. We had a very good journey.
107. We had nice weather on Monday for our trip to the coast.
108. We went on a trip to the mountains.
109. We were advised to seek legal advice.
110. We were looking for a place to live.
111. We've bought camping equipment, including new sleeping bags and a little refrigerator.
112. We're going to have a picnic, weather permitting.
113. We've had great weather all week.
114. What a beautiful view!
115. What beautiful scenery!

- 116.What breathtaking scenery!
- 117.What kind of a job would you like to have?
- 118.What stunning scenery!
- 119.You have to have a licence to sell beer.
- 120.You need a licence to fish in this river.
- 121.You need to back up your theory with one or two hard facts.
- 122.You need to have agile fingers to do this kind of work.
- 123.You'll pay some hefty bank charges if you go overdrawn without permission.



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