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**ТАШКЕНТСКИЙ ГОСУДАРСТВЕННЫЙ ИНСТИТУТ  
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## PLURAL FORMS OF NOUNS

*Write the plural forms of the nouns.*

**Example:** one potato, two \_\_\_\_\_

**One potato, two potatoes**

1. A dormitory, many \_\_\_\_\_
2. One child, many \_\_\_\_\_
3. A leaf, a lot of \_\_\_\_\_
4. A wish, many \_\_\_\_\_
5. One fish, two \_\_\_\_\_
6. An opinion, many \_\_\_\_\_
7. A mouse, several \_\_\_\_\_
8. A sandwich, some \_\_\_\_\_
9. A man, many \_\_\_\_\_
10. One woman, two \_\_\_\_\_
11. A flash, three \_\_\_\_\_
12. One tomato, a few \_\_\_\_\_
13. One tooth, two \_\_\_\_\_
14. One half, two \_\_\_\_\_
15. A tax, a lot of \_\_\_\_\_
16. A possibility, several \_\_\_\_\_
17. A thief, many \_\_\_\_\_
18. A volcano, many \_\_\_\_\_
19. A goose, a lot of \_\_\_\_\_
20. An attorney, a few \_\_\_\_\_
21. A butterfly, several \_\_\_\_\_
22. One category, two \_\_\_\_\_
23. One sheep, two \_\_\_\_\_
24. A wolf, some \_\_\_\_\_

## ARTICLE

*Use the necessary article*

**Example:** I see....beautiful girl.

**I see a beautiful girl.**

1. I cannot find ... letter which you gave me this morning.
2. They were standing on ... top of ... hill.
3. I have received ... letter of great importance.
4. I have bought ... overcoat with ... fur collar.
5. They have sold ...cargo of 5,000 tons of ... wheat.
6. He lives in ... house opposite ... station.
7. ... magazine which you lent me is very interesting.
8. This is ... picture which you will like.
9. Yesterday I met ... old friend, whom I recognized at once.
10. ... garden which is at ... back of that house has ... tennis-court.
11. Here is ... book you need.
12. He is ... man whom we all admire.
13. This morning ...postman brought me ...letter without ... stamp.
14. You can buy this book in ... bookshop round the corner.
15. I know ... man who lives in ... house where you live.
16. ... man who has no patience cannot play chess well.
17. Is that ... man whom they are looking for?
18. My son has ... very good German teacher, who knows ... language perfectly.
19. Is that ... man you spoke to yesterday?
20. ... large branch broken by ... wind lay across our path.
21. ... street which leads to ... theatre is very wide.
22. ... person who is sitting next to me is ... famous painter.
23. ... clock in ... hall is slow.
24. Yesterday I spoke to ... man who had just returned from expedition.

Complete the sentences with the correct form, **singular or plural**, of the given nouns.  
Choose the correct word in parentheses as necessary.

1. *snow* It's winter. There (is, are) a lot of **snow** on the ground.
2. *weather* There (is, are) a lot of cold \_\_\_\_\_ in Alaska.
3. *sunshine* \_\_\_\_\_ (is, are) a source of vitamin D.
4. *knowledge* Prof. Nash has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ about that subject.
5. *fun* We had a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ on the picnic.
6. *luck* I want to wish you good \_\_\_\_\_.
7. *idea* Emily has a lot of good \_\_\_\_\_.
8. *intelligence* I admire Emily for her \_\_\_\_\_.
9. *gold* \_\_\_\_\_ (is, are) expensive.
10. *diamond* \_\_\_\_\_ (is, are) expensive, too.
11. *movie* I like to go to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. *entertainment* What do you do for \_\_\_\_\_ on weekends?
13. *game* Children like to play \_\_\_\_\_.
14. *generosity* Thank you for your \_\_\_\_\_.
15. *help* Could you give me some \_\_\_\_\_ with this?
16. *patience* Teaching children to read requires \_\_\_\_\_.
17. *patient* Doctors take care of \_\_\_\_\_.
18. *confidence* You can do it! I have \_\_\_\_\_ in you.
19. *progress* Mr. Fernandez's English is improving. He's making a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
20. *courage* Be brave. You must have \_\_\_\_\_.
21. *pollution* The \_\_\_\_\_ we had for dinner last night (was, were) very good.
22. *forest* The destruction of rain \_\_\_\_\_ throughout much of the \_\_\_\_\_ world is harming the earth's environment
23. *peace* There have been many conflicts and wars throughout the history of the world, but almost all people prefer \_\_\_\_\_.
24. *hospitality* Thank you for your \_\_\_\_\_.
25. *beef* During the winter months along the coast, there (is, are) usually a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning.
26. *fog* Automobiles are the biggest source of \_\_\_\_\_ in most cities.

Complete the sentences with **much** or **many** and the **singular or plural** form of the nouns.  
Choose the correct word in parentheses as necessary.

REMINDER: Use *many* with count nouns: *many apples*.

Use *much* with noncount nouns: *much fruit*.

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| 1. <i>apple</i>      | How many apples did you buy?                                        |
| 2. <i>fruit</i>      | How much fruit did you buy?                                         |
| 3. <i>mail</i>       | How _____ did you get yesterday?                                    |
| 4. <i>letter</i>     | How _____ did you get yesterday?                                    |
| 5. <i>postage</i>    | How _____ do I need for this package?                               |
| 6. <i>stamp</i>      | How _____ did you buy?                                              |
| 7. <i>English</i>    | Anna's husband doesn't know _____.                                  |
| 8. <i>slang</i>      | Sometimes I can't understand my roommate because he uses too _____. |
| 9. <i>word</i>       | How _____ (is, are) there in your dictionary?                       |
| 10. <i>coffee</i>    | Louise drinks too _____.                                            |
| 11. <i>sandwich</i>  | Billy has a stomach ache. He ate too _____.                         |
| 12. <i>sugar</i>     | You shouldn't eat too _____.                                        |
| 13. <i>course</i>    | How _____ are you taking this semester?                             |
| 14. <i>homework</i>  | How _____ do you have to do tonight?                                |
| 15. <i>news</i>      | There (isn't, aren't) _____ in the paper today.                     |
| 16. <i>article</i>   | How _____ (is, are) there on the front page of today's paper?       |
| 17. <i>fun</i>       | I didn't have _____ at the party. It was boring.                    |
| 18. <i>star</i>      | How _____ (is, are) there in the universe?                          |
| 19. <i>sunshine</i>  | There (isn't, aren't) _____ in Seattle in winter?                   |
| 20. <i>pollution</i> | (Is, Are) there _____ in Miami?                                     |
| 21. <i>luck</i>      | We didn't have _____ when we went fishing.                          |
| 22. <i>kind</i>      | There (is, are) _____ of flowers.                                   |
| 23. <i>violence</i>  | I think there (is, are) too _____ on television.                    |
| 24. <i>makeup</i>    | I think that Mary wears too _____.                                  |
| 25. <i>car</i>       | How _____ pass in front of this building in 30 seconds?             |
| 26. <i>traffic</i>   | (Is, Are) there _____ in front of your apartment building?          |

Complete the sentences by using *a few* or *little* and the given noun.

Use the plural form of the noun when necessary.

REMINDER: Use *a few* with count nouns: *a few songs*.

Use *a little* with noncount nouns: *a little music*.

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| 1. <i>music</i>        | I feel like listening to a little music tonight.                                               |
| 2. <i>song</i>         | We sang a few songs at the party.                                                              |
| 3. <i>time</i>         | I'm not finished with my work. I need a little more time.                                      |
| 4. <i>desk</i>         | We need _____ more _____ in our classroom.                                                     |
| 5. <i>help</i>         | Do you need _____ with that?                                                                   |
| 6. <i>apple</i>        | I bought _____ at the market.                                                                  |
| 7. <i>fruit</i>        | I bought _____ at the market.                                                                  |
| 8. <i>advice</i>       | I need _____.                                                                                  |
| 9. <i>money</i>        | If I accept that job, I'll make _____ more _____.                                              |
| 10. <i>coin</i>        | Annie put _____ in her pocket.                                                                 |
| 11. <i>information</i> | Could you give me _____?                                                                       |
| 12. <i>hour</i>        | Don's plane will arrive in _____ more _____.                                                   |
| 13. <i>toothpaste</i>  | Tommy, put just _____ on your toothbrush, not half the tube!                                   |
| 14. <i>laughter</i>    | We need to be able to see the humor in a situation even when we're unhappy. _____ never hurts. |
| 15. <i>laugh</i>       | Greg's joke produced _____ in the audience, but most of the people didn't think it was funny.  |
| 16. <i>grammar</i>     | Pedro already knew _____ English _____ before he took this course.                             |
| 17. <i>flower</i>      | I picked _____ from my garden.                                                                 |
| 18. <i>progress</i>    | I've made _____ in the last couple of weeks.                                                   |

*Use the words in the list to complete the sentences. Use the plural form if necessary.  
Some sentences have more than one possible completion.*

*bar  
bottle  
bowl  
cup  
gallon  
glass  
loaf  
piece  
pound  
quart  
sheet  
spoonful  
tube*

1. I drank a cup of coffee.
2. I bought two pounds of cheese.
3. I bought a \_\_\_\_\_ of milk at the supermarket.
4. I drank a \_\_\_\_\_ of orange juice.
5. I had a \_\_\_\_\_ of toast and an egg for breakfast.
6. I put ten \_\_\_\_\_ of gas in my car.
7. I had a \_\_\_\_\_ of soup for lunch.
8. I need a \_\_\_\_\_ of chalk.
9. I drank a \_\_\_\_\_ of beer.
10. I bought a \_\_\_\_\_ of margarine.
11. There are 200 \_\_\_\_\_ of lined paper in my notebook.
12. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of fruit on the table.
13. I used two \_\_\_\_\_ of bread to make a sandwich.
14. I bought one \_\_\_\_\_ of bread at the store.
15. I put a \_\_\_\_\_ of honey in my tea.
16. I need to buy a new \_\_\_\_\_ of toothpaste.
17. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of soap in the bathroom.
18. Let me give you a \_\_\_\_\_ of advice.
19. I just learned an interesting \_\_\_\_\_ of information.
20. There were a dozen \_\_\_\_\_ of mail for me in my mailbox today.
21. A three – piece suit is made up of three \_\_\_\_\_ of clothing: slacks, a jacket, and a vest.

*Here are some conversations. try to decide whether the speakers probably use **the** or **a/an**. Are the speakers thinking about the same objects or persons?*

1. A: Do you have a car?  
B: No. I have a bicycle.
2. A: Do you need the car today, honey?  
B: Yes. I have a lot of errands to do. Why don't I drive you to work today?  
A: Okay. But be sure to fill the car up with gas sometime today.

3. A: Did you have a good time at \_\_\_\_\_ party last night?  
B: Yes.  
A: So did I. I'm glad that you decided to go with me.
4. A: What did you do last night?  
B: I went to \_\_\_\_\_ party.  
A: Oh? Where was it?
5. A: I bought \_\_\_\_\_ table yesterday.  
B: Oh? I didn't know you went shopping for furniture.
6. A: Have you seen my keys?  
B: Yes. They're on \_\_\_\_\_ table next to \_\_\_\_\_ front door.
7. A: Is Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_ graduate student?  
B: No. He's \_\_\_\_\_ professor.
8. A: Where's \_\_\_\_\_ professor?  
B: She's absent today.
9. A: Would you like to go to \_\_\_\_\_ zoo this afternoon?  
B: Sure. Why not?
10. A: Does San Diego have \_\_\_\_\_ zoo?  
B: Yes. It's world famous.
11. A: Where do you live?  
B: We live on \_\_\_\_\_ quiet street in the suburbs.
12. A: I'm hungry and I'm tired of walking. How much farther is it to \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant?  
B: Just a couple of blocks. Let's cross \_\_\_\_\_ street here.  
A: Are you sure you know where you're going?
13. A: Did Bob find \_\_\_\_\_ job?  
B: Yes. He's working at \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant.  
A: Oh? Which one?
14. A: Did you feed \_\_\_\_\_ cat?  
B: Yes. I fed him a couple of hours ago.
15. A: Does Jane have \_\_\_\_\_ cat?  
B: No, she has \_\_\_\_\_ dog. She doesn't like cats.
16. A: Where's Dennis?  
B: He's in \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen.
17. A: Do you like your new apartment?  
B: Yes. It has \_\_\_\_\_ big kitchen.

*Complete the sentences with the given nouns. Use **the** for specific statements.  
Do not use **the** for general statements.*

1. *flowers*
  - a. The flowers in that vase are beautiful.
  - b. Flowers are beautiful.
2. *mountains*
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ are beautiful.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Colorado are beautiful.
3. *water*
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ consists of hydrogen and oxygen.

- b. I don't want to go swimming today. \_\_\_\_\_ is too cold.
4. *information* a. \_\_\_\_\_ in that book is inaccurate.  
b. An encyclopedia is a source of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. *health* a. \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than money.  
b. Doctors are concerned with \_\_\_\_\_ of their patients.
6. *men* a. \_\_\_\_\_ generally have stronger muscles  
*women* than \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. At the party last night, \_\_\_\_\_ sat on one side of the room and \_\_\_\_\_ sat on the other.
7. *problems* a. Everyone has \_\_\_\_\_.  
b. Irene told me about \_\_\_\_\_ she had with her car yesterday.
8. *happiness* a. I can't express \_\_\_\_\_ I felt when I heard the good news.  
b. Everyone seeks \_\_\_\_\_.
9. *vegetables* a. \_\_\_\_\_ are good for you.  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ we had for dinner last night were overcooked.
10. *gold* a. \_\_\_\_\_ is a precious metal.  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Mary's ring is 24 karats.

- 1.
2. Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ weather in this city?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ copper is used in electrical wiring.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ air is free.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ air is humid today.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ windows are made of \_\_\_\_\_ glass.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ windows are made for dinner.
8. We usually have \_\_\_\_\_ meat for dinner.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ meat we had for dinner last night was tough.
10. People used to use \_\_\_\_\_ candles for \_\_\_\_\_ light, but now they use \_\_\_\_\_ electricity.

Use **a/an/some** or **the** in the following.

**REMINDER:** Use **the** when a noun is mentioned for the second time.

1. Yesterday I saw **a** dog and **a** cat. The dog was chasing **the** cat.  
\_\_\_\_\_ cat was chasing \_\_\_\_\_ mouse. \_\_\_\_\_ mouse ran into \_\_\_\_\_ hole, but \_\_\_\_\_ hole was very small. \_\_\_\_\_ cat couldn't get into \_\_\_\_\_ hole, so it ran up \_\_\_\_\_ tree. \_\_\_\_\_ dog tried to climb \_\_\_\_\_ tree too,

but it couldn't.

2. Yesterday I bought \_\_\_\_\_ clothes. I bought \_\_\_\_\_ suit, \_\_\_\_\_ shirt, and \_\_\_\_\_ tie. \_\_\_\_\_ suit is gray and comes with a vest. \_\_\_\_\_ shirt is pale blue, and \_\_\_\_\_ tie has black and gray stripes.
3. Yesterday saw \_\_\_\_\_ man and \_\_\_\_\_ woman. They were having \_\_\_\_\_ argument. \_\_\_\_\_ man was yelling at \_\_\_\_\_ woman, and \_\_\_\_\_ woman was shouting at \_\_\_\_\_ man. I don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ argument was about.
4. I had \_\_\_\_\_ soup and \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich for lunch. \_\_\_\_\_ soup was salty, but \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich was pretty good.
5. A: I saw \_\_\_\_\_ accident yesterday.  
B: Oh? Where?  
A: On Grand Avenue. \_\_\_\_\_ man in \_\_\_\_\_ Volkswagen drove through a stop sign and hit \_\_\_\_\_ bus.  
B: Was anyone hurt in \_\_\_\_\_ accident?  
A: I don't think so. \_\_\_\_\_ man who was driving \_\_\_\_\_ Volkswagen got out of his car and seemed to be okay. His car was only slightly damaged. No one in \_\_\_\_\_ bus was hurt.
6. A: What did you do last weekend?  
B: I went on \_\_\_\_\_ picnic Saturday and saw \_\_\_\_\_ movie Sunday.  
A: Did you have fun?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ picnic was fun, but \_\_\_\_\_ movie was boring.

Complete the sentences with **a**, **an**, **some**, **the**, or **Ø**.

1. A: Do you like **Ø** fruit?  
B: Very much.
2. A: I'm hungry.  
B: Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ fruit? How about \_\_\_\_\_ apple?
3. A: \_\_\_\_\_ fruit we bought at the market was fresh.  
B: That's the best place to buy \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ gas is expensive nowadays.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ gas at Mack's Service Station is cheaper than \_\_\_\_\_ gas at the Shell Station.
6. I need \_\_\_\_\_ gas. Let's stop at the next service station.
7. Kathy bought \_\_\_\_\_ radio. She likes to listen to \_\_\_\_\_ music when she studies.
8. A: Would you please turn \_\_\_\_\_ radio down? \_\_\_\_\_ music is too loud.  
B: No problem.
9. A: Do you see \_\_\_\_\_ man who is standing next to Janet?  
B: Yes. Who is he?  
A: He's \_\_\_\_\_ president of this university.
10. A one-dollar bill has the picture of \_\_\_\_\_ president of the United States. It's the picture of George Washington.
11. A: What did you buy when shopping?

B: I bought \_\_\_\_\_ blouse and \_\_\_\_\_ jewelry.

A: What color is \_\_\_\_\_ blouse?

B: Red.

12. A: Where's my book bag?

B: It's on \_\_\_\_\_ floor over there, in \_\_\_\_\_ corner next to \_\_\_\_\_ sofa.

13. We need to buy \_\_\_\_\_ furniture. I'd like to get \_\_\_\_\_ sofa and \_\_\_\_\_ ease chair.

14. \_\_\_\_\_ furniture is expensive these days.

15. \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian doesn't eat \_\_\_\_\_ meat.

16. Last week I read \_\_\_\_\_ book about \_\_\_\_\_ life of Gandhi.

17. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ life.

18. A: Let's go swimming in \_\_\_\_\_ lake today.

B: That sounds like \_\_\_\_\_ good idea.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ lake is a body of \_\_\_\_\_ water that is smaller than \_\_\_\_\_ sea but larger than \_\_\_\_\_ pond. \_\_\_\_\_ ocean is larger than \_\_\_\_\_ sea.

20. During our vacation in Florida, we walked along \_\_\_\_\_ beach in front of our hotel and looked at \_\_\_\_\_ ocean.

21. People can drink \_\_\_\_\_ fresh water. They can't drink \_\_\_\_\_ seawater because it contains \_\_\_\_\_ salt.

22. I had \_\_\_\_\_ interesting experience yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_ man in \_\_\_\_\_ blue suit came into my office and handed me \_\_\_\_\_ bouquet of \_\_\_\_\_ flowers. I had never seen \_\_\_\_\_ man before in my life, but I thanked him for \_\_\_\_\_ flowers. Then he walked out \_\_\_\_\_ door.