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BİREYSEL ÇALIŞMA MERKEZİ

Material No: 2

COUNTABLE, UNCOUNTABLE, PLURAL & COLLECTIVE NOUNS

A. Use either “is” or “are” in the blanks provided.

1. One of the books \_\_\_\_\_ missing.
2. Ali but not his brother \_\_\_\_\_ willing to participate in our activities.
3. A large majority of the teachers \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of proposed changes.
4. Only a minority of our students \_\_\_\_\_ affected by these new regulations.
5. The police \_\_\_\_\_ on full alert for any terrorist attacks.
6. Physics \_\_\_\_\_ a highly difficult subject.
7. Ten thousand dollars \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money.
8. Ten minutes \_\_\_\_\_ not a long time.
9. There \_\_\_\_\_ a pair of trousers on the bed.
10. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ waiting at the bus stop.
11. All students are competitive but a few \_\_\_\_\_ really successful.
12. Not only the students but also the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ coming soon.
13. Neither the nurses nor the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ in the dining hall.
14. The news \_\_\_\_\_ too good to believe.
15. Half of the population \_\_\_\_\_ illiterate.
16. The cattle \_\_\_\_\_ grazing in the pasture.
17. The number of unemployed people \_\_\_\_\_ steadily rising.
18. The family \_\_\_\_\_ constantly quarrelling among themselves.
19. One of the factors which \_\_\_\_\_ involved in this matter \_\_\_\_\_ unemployment.
20. Contrary to common belief, the English \_\_\_\_\_ quite friendly.
21. The criteria for promotion \_\_\_\_\_ quite objective.
22. All our sheep \_\_\_\_\_ in danger being infected.
23. Despite the development of the vaccine, measles \_\_\_\_\_ still a serious danger to adult victims.
24. The rich \_\_\_\_\_ getting richer, while the poor \_\_\_\_\_ getting poorer.

<b>ANSWER KEY:</b>	5. are	10. are	15. is	20. are
1. is	6. is	11. are	16. are	21. are
2. is	7. is	12. is	17. is	22. are
3. are	8. is	13. is	18. are	23. is
4. are	9. is	14. is	19. are/is	24. are/ are

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UNCOUNTABLE AND PLURAL NOUNS

**B. Choose the correct form.**

1. I hate driving in this street. *There is / There are* too much traffic every day.
2. Tonight I can't go out with you. I have a lot of *homework / homeworks* to do.
3. I need *an advice / a piece of advice*. I can't decide whether to accept his offer or not.
4. Brooke takes a lot of *suitcases / suitcase* while going on holiday. Her husband, Eric, hates carrying a lot of *luggage / luggages* on their trip.
5. This store sells very fashionable furniture and I think our furniture *need / needs* changing.
6. I gave the beggar *a piece of bread / a bread*.
7. When we went to Antalya last week, we had *a rainy weather / rainy weather*.
8. On Sundays I like reading *a paper / paper* while having breakfast.
9. They used enough *irons / iron* while building this hotel.
10. I don't want to waste any *time / times* for these silly things.
11. Economics *was / were* my favorite subject at university.
12. Some developing countries have made a lot of *progresses / progress* recently.
13. I have *two useful pieces of information / two informations* for you.
14. Hurry up! The police *is / are* coming. We'd better leave immediately.
15. Your teacher will punish you because of your bad *behavior / behaviors* at school.
16. We should do *business / a business* with some Japanese companies. We can double our fortune.
17. The statues made of *glass / a glass* are being exhibited in the art gallery this week. Would you like to see them?
18. He was shocked when he entered the old woman's house because *there was too much rubbish / there were too many rubbishes*.
19. We need some camping *equipment / equipments* such as sleeping bags, waterproof trousers and boots.
20. Jack and Jasmine's marriage news *has / have* shocked everybody except me.
21. Good manners *is / are* always rewarded by parents and teachers.
22. I need *a trouser / some trousers* and a shirt.
23. All the staff *was / were* allowed to join the meeting since one of the items on the agenda was pay rise.
24. I'd like to have *a toast / a piece of toast* and a cup of tea.
25. As soon as Jane got up, she opened the curtains to let some *light / lights* come in.

**ANSWER KEY: B.** 1. *There is* 2. *homework* 3. *a piece of advice* 4. *suitcases, luggage* 5. *needs*  
6. *a piece of bread* 7. *rainy weather* 8. *a paper* 9. *iron* 10. *time* 11. *was* 12. *progress* 13. *two useful pieces of information* 14. *are* 15. *behaviour* 16. *business* 17. *glass* 18. *there was too much rubbish* 19. *equipment* 20. *has*  
21. *are* 22. *some trousers* 23. *were* 24. *a piece of toast* 25. *light*