

A top-down view of a cluttered wooden desk. In the center is a silver Apple iMac monitor on a stand. Below it is a white Apple keyboard and a white Apple mouse. To the left of the keyboard is a black guitar case. In front of the keyboard is a small potted plant. To the right of the keyboard is a book titled 'SACO GUITAR PLAYING'. There are many papers, some with musical notation, scattered across the desk. A blue semi-transparent banner is on the right side of the image, and a red and blue diagonal banner is at the bottom right.

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7.1 SAY YES TO MESS



Ask & Answer



What does the photo show?

It shows ...

Where is it?

It's ...

What does it tell you about the person who works at this desk?

I think the person who works here is ...





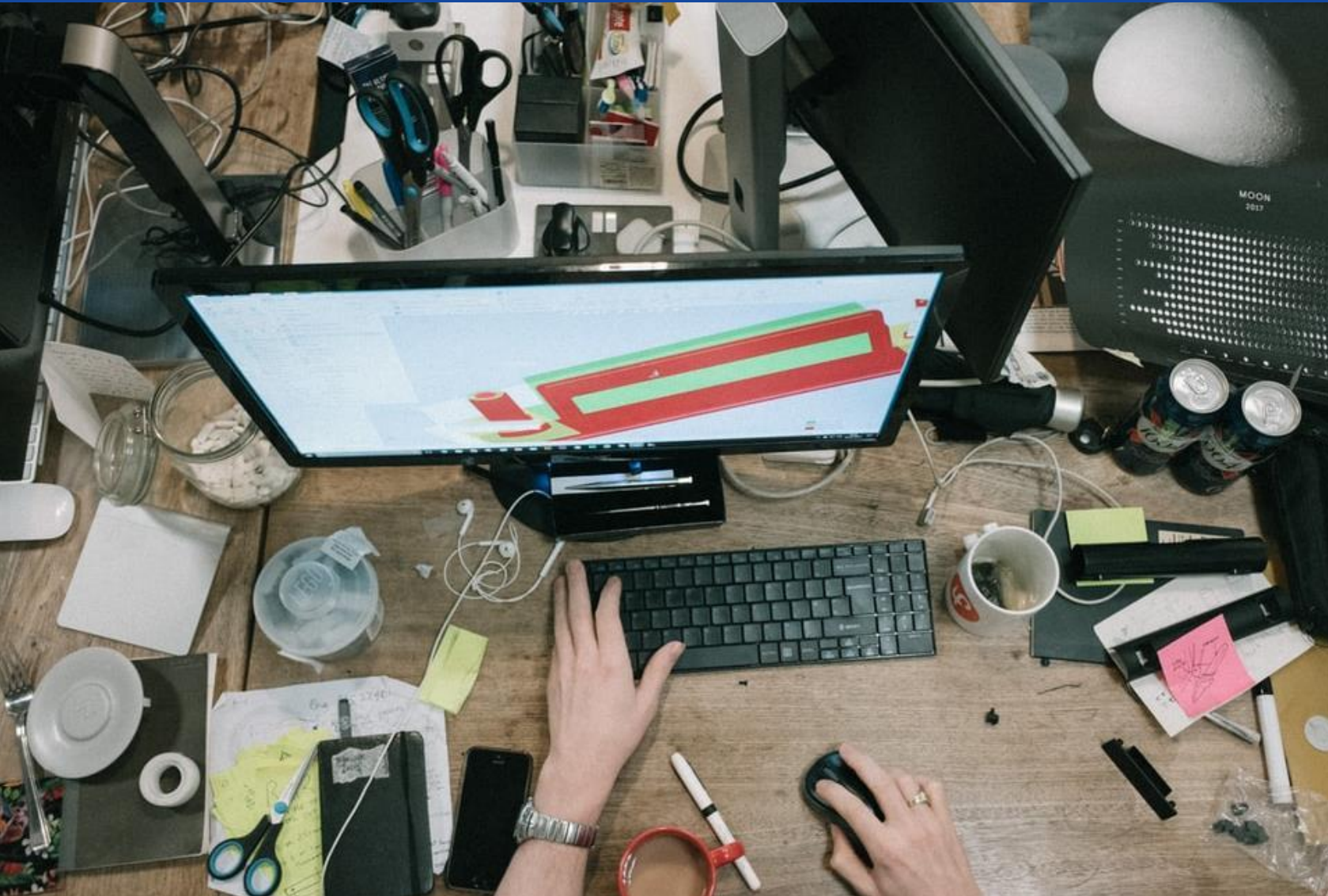
Complete the sentences

1. I have to stay home and clean up this _____.
(clutter / cluttered / uncluttered)
2. She's an _____ worker; she never submits her reports on time.
(efficiency / efficient / inefficient)
3. My brother made a party yesterday, and today our house is a _____.
(mess / messy)
4. When my room is _____, I feel glad and relaxed.
(neatness / neat)
5. This place has been _____ since they fired the maid; they never clean it.
(tidiness / tidy / untidy)
6. Beth is supervising the _____ of the table and chairs for the dinner.
(organization / organized / disorganized)



Discuss

Think about your home, your bedroom, your desk, your belongings, your e-mails and computer files. Are they neat and organized?



My e-mails are usually organized, but my desk is always messy because ...





Work in pairs

Make a list of arguments in favor of messy desks. Do you think it is a good thing to say yes to mess? Why?



I think it is a good thing to say yes to mess because ...



Really? I don't think so, because ...



Writing Time

Write your own comment in response to the article.





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GRAMMAR

Quantifiers



Decide if the words are countable or uncountable.

books
work
time
companies
people
effort
space
energy

a) Countable (have both a singular and a plural form, e.g., desk/desks)

books, companies, people

b) Uncountable (only have a singular form and cannot be counted, e.g., space.)

work, time, effort, space, energy



Complete the chart.

a lot of **so much** **enough** **a little** **not enough** **so many**
too much **very few** **how many** **lots of** **plenty of** **too many**
many **a few** **much** **very little** **how much**

	Uncountable	Countable	Both
Large quantity			
Small quantity			



Complete

Choose the correct option to complete the text.

I have (1) a lot of / so much books and magazines. I don't have (2) enough / too much space for them at home. So I recently brought (3) a few / a little of them to work. I have (4) plenty of / too much space in my office. I think the bookshelves look great with (5) so many / so much books on them. But my boss disagrees. She says there are (6) not enough / too many. She says they make the office look cluttered and messy.

What causes the most clutter in your home / workplace / school?

In my home, ...





Ask & Answer

Use quantifiers. Give extra information.

**How many books
do you have?**

**How many hours do
you sleep each night?**

**How many friends
do you have?**

**How much money do
you spend on clothes
every year?**

**How much food do
you eat every day?**

**How much traffic is
there in your city?**





Ask & Answer

Look at the image.



What can you see?

I can see ...

What does it tell you about the person who sleeps in this bed?

I think this person...

Where do you think the bed belongs?

I think it belongs to ...





Listen

Listen and find out more about the bed.



What surprised
you about it?

What surprised
me was that ...

Do you agree that
this bed is a
“wonderful work
of art”? Why?

I agree / disagree
because ...





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