

## Exercises

**79.1** Complete each sentence using a word from Sections A or B. Sometimes you need **a** or **some**.

- 1 My eyesight isn't very good. I need glasses.
- 2 A species is a group of animals or plants that have the same characteristics.
- 3 Footballers don't wear trousers when they play. They wear .....
- 4 The bicycle is ..... of transport.
- 5 The bicycle and the car are ..... of transport.
- 6 I want to cut this piece of material. I need .....
- 7 A friend of mine is writing ..... of articles for the local newspaper.
- 8 There are a lot of American TV ..... shown on TV in Britain.
- 9 While we were out walking, we saw many different ..... of bird.

**79.2** In each example the words on the left are connected with an activity (for example, a sport or an academic subject). Write the name of the activity. The beginning of the word is given.

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| 1 calculate  | algebra      | equation      | <u>mathematics</u> |
| 2 government | election     | minister      | p.....             |
| 3 finance    | trade        | employment    | e.....             |
| 4 running    | jumping      | throwing      | a.....             |
| 5 light      | heat         | gravity       | ph.....            |
| 6 exercises  | somersault   | parallel bars | gy.....            |
| 7 processor  | silicon chip | gigabyte      | el.....            |

**79.3** Choose the correct form of the verb, singular or plural. In two sentences either the singular or plural verb is possible.

- 1 Gymnastics is / ~~are~~ my favourite sport. (is is correct)
- 2 The trousers you bought for me doesn't / don't fit me.
- 3 The police want / wants to interview two men about the robbery last week.
- 4 Physics was / were my best subject at school.
- 5 Can I borrow your scissors? Mine isn't / aren't sharp enough.
- 6 It's a nice place to visit. The people is / are very friendly.
- 7 Fortunately the news wasn't / weren't as bad as we expected.
- 8 Where does / do your family live?
- 9 I can't find my binoculars. Do you know where it is / they are?
- 10 Does / Do the police know how the accident happened?
- 11 Germany is / are playing Spain tomorrow night, but it's not on TV.
- 12 Most people enjoy / enjoys music.

**79.4** Most of these sentences are wrong. Correct them where necessary.

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| 1 <u>Three years</u> are a long time to be without a job.     | <u>Three years is a long time</u>       |
| 2 The government have decided to increase taxes.              | <u>OK (has decided is also correct)</u> |
| 3 Susan was wearing a black jeans.                            | .....                                   |
| 4 I don't like hot weather. Thirty degrees is too hot for me. | .....                                   |
| 5 I like Martin and Jane. They're very nice persons.          | .....                                   |
| 6 Ten pounds aren't enough. I need more money than that.      | .....                                   |
| 7 I'm going to buy a new pyjama.                              | .....                                   |
| 8 The committee haven't made a decision yet.                  | .....                                   |
| 9 There was a police directing traffic in the street.         | .....                                   |
| 10 What is the police going to do?                            | .....                                   |
| 11 This scissors isn't very sharp.                            | .....                                   |
| 12 Four days isn't enough for a good holiday.                 | .....                                   |