



Practise and consolidate your learning about correct word forms by completing our activities. The answers are on the last page.

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the correct quantity word to complete the following sentences:

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|--------|--------|------|-------|
| amount | number | less | fewer |
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1. Since the restructuring of the department, there seem to be _____ complaints and problems.
2. One of the solutions to reducing the _____ of traffic on the roads is to provide better public transport.
3. The figures for the last decade show that there were _____ marriages.
4. Reducing the _____ of errors in your writing will help you achieve a better score.
5. The newer cars are designed to take _____ petrol.
6. He still owes a huge _____ of money to creditors.
7. It is predicted that the _____ of unemployed will increase steadily over the next year.
8. The _____ mistakes you make, the more you will gain.
9. Families spend _____ time together these days because of the overwhelming presence of computer-related technology.
10. The _____ of interest generated from the public was enormous.



ACTIVITY 2

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets. Watch your spelling.

1. The issue was not about _____ (safe) but rather informing the public about the technology.
2. _____ (consume) of processed foods has increased significantly over the last decade.
3. It was _____ (regret) that the benefactors weren't acknowledged.
4. There are many _____ (difficult) facing foreign students apart from living expenses.
5. The newly appointed counsellor was not only competent, but _____ (rely) as well.
6. My _____ (understand) of the issue is that the minister's request was vetoed.
7. Restructuring the company was wrought with problems and highly _____ (controversy).
8. She was _____ (courage) in her battle with cancer.
9. There were three _____ (Mary) in the class and two _____ (James).
10. There were many species of _____ (fish) in the new aquarium.

**ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1**

1. fewer
2. amount
3. fewer
4. number
5. less
6. amount
7. number
8. fewer
9. less
10. amount

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. safety
2. Consumption
3. regrettable
4. difficulties
5. reliable
6. understanding
7. controversial
8. courageous
9. Marys, Jameses
10. fish

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