# **Exercises Chapter 1**

## 1 What are nouns? (1.1)

Decide whether the following are proper or common nouns. If they're common nouns, state whether they're countable or uncountable (or both) and explain your answer.

1	February
	month
	kindness
	tea
	amount
	child
	people
	belongings
	tree
	production

### 2 How to make nouns plural (1.2.2)

Make the following nouns plural.

1	deer
2	fish (2 plural forms)
3	visa
4	box
	dandy
	photo
	crisis
	potato
	fungus
	bus



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#### 3 Plural-only nouns (1.2.3)

Choose the correct form of the verb.

- My furniture was / were ruined by the fire.
- 2 The Netherlands has / have a small area.
- 3 The surroundings is / are absolutely breathtaking
- Billiards **is / are** my favourite game. 4
- 5 The acoustics in this building is / are very bad.
- 6 The police has / have asked me questions.
- 7 It is unknown what the contents of this letter is / are.
- Statistics **isn't / aren't** a very popular subject.
- 9 The cattle **is / are** grazing in the meadow.
- 10 My visa **has / have** expired.

#### 4 It looks like a plural but is it? (1.2.4)

Choose the correct alternative. If both alternatives are possible, explain the difference in meaning between the singular and the plural nouns.

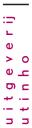
- If you have something to declare, go through **custom** / **customs**. 1
- 2 Draw a circle with your **compasses / compass**.
- 3 You have to read the **term / terms** of the contract very carefully.
- He has good look / looks.
- 5 He took great **pain** / **pains** to help the homeless.
- We had an excursion around an **explosives** / **explosive** factory. 6
- My glass / glasses was / were broken. 7
- 8 The pliers **is / are** in the drawer.

#### 5 Neither a borrower nor a lender be (1.5)

hostile aliens.

Decide for each of the verbs between parentheses whether it should be singular or plural and choose verb tense.

1	Either the professor or the students	(HAVE) eaten all the
	secretary's chocolates.	
2	Both Albert and Filip	(BE) the King of Belgium.
3	Exhaust fumes, along with thick smoke,	(BE) the main cause
	of smog.	
4	If the bus or the train	(BE) delayed, passengers may be enti-
	tled to compensation.	
5	Both Kirk and Spock	(GET) into dangerous situations with



### 6 Nouns that look like verbs: gerunds (1.6)

Decide whether you need to use a gerund form (noun) or to + infinitive (verb) of the verb between parentheses.

1	Don't forget	(SAY) hello to your folks.
2	If you continue	(венаve) like this, you'll end up
		(DO) time in prison.
3	My mum likes	(wash) her car on Sunday morning.
4	We look forward to	(HEAR) from you.
5		(RUN) around the fjords naked is a favourite Nor-
	wegian pastime.	
6	He stopped for a moment	(тнімк) about my ques-
	tion.	
7	I prefer	(PLAY) snooker to badminton.
8	Did you remember	(DELIVER) the package to the
	post office?	
9	It's no use	(TRY) to shoot a mosquito with a ma-
	chine gun.	



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