

## Unit 78

**1** In this exercise you have to complete the sentences with words from sections a, b and c. Sometimes you need a or some.

Examples: She can't see very well. She needs glasses (or spectacles).  
This plant is a very rare species.

- 1 Footballers don't wear trousers when they play.  
• They wear .....
- 2 The bicycle is ..... of transport.
- 3 The bicycle and the car are .....  
of transport.
- 4 I want to cut this piece of material. I need .....
- 5 Ann is going to write ..... of articles for her local newspaper.
- 6 There are a lot of American television ..... on British television.
- 7 While we were out walking, we saw 25 different .....  
of bird.
- 8 We need at least four ..... to play this game.

**2** This time you have to choose the correct form of the verb, singular or plural. Sometimes either a singular or a plural verb is possible.

Example: Gymnastics (is/are) is my favourite sport.

- 1 The trousers you bought for me (doesn't/don't) ..... fit me.
- 2 Physics (was/were) ..... my best subject at school.
- 3 Fortunately the news (wasn't/weren't) ..... as bad as we had expected.
- 4 The police (wants/want) ..... to interview Fred about a robbery.
- 5 Three days (isn't/aren't) ..... long enough for a good holiday.
- 6 Where (does/do) ..... your family live?
- 7 England (has/have) ..... lost all their football matches this season.
- 8 (a4Does/Do) ..... the police know about the stolen money?
- 9 Can I borrow your scissors? Mine (isn't/aren't) ..... sharp enough.
- 10 I'm going to take a taxi. Six miles (is/are) ..... too far for me to walk.

**3** In this exercise you have to use the structure in section f.

Examples: Our holiday lasted three weeks. It was a three-week holiday.  
The girls were 14 years old. They were 14-year-old girls.

- 1 The woman was 27. She was a .....
  - 2 The flight lasted three hours. It was a .....
  - 3 The strike lasted four days. It was a .....
  - 4 The book has 200 pages. It is a .....
  - 5 The boys were ten years old. They were .....
  - 6 The television series has ten parts. It is .....
  - 7 The bottle holds two litres. It is .....
  - 8 Each of the tickets cost ten pounds. They were .....
  - 9 The building has ten storeys (=floors). It is .....
  - 10 This bag of potatoes weighs five kilos. It is .....
  - 11 We walked for five miles. It was .....
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