

THE NOUNS – Teacher's Key

Q	Answer	Knowledge assessed	Explanation
N1	A	Greek plurals (criterion → criteria)	'Several' requires a plural noun. 'Criteria' is the plural of 'criterion'.
N2	B	Irregular plurals (tooth → teeth)	'Tooth' has the irregular plural 'teeth'.
N3	C	Greek plurals (phenomenon → phenomena)	After 'three different', the noun must be plural.
N4	A	Invariant nouns (species)	'Species' has the same singular and plural form. 'Every' takes a singular verb.
N5	A	Uncountable noun: evidence	'Evidence' is uncountable and is used with 'much', not 'many'.
N6	B	Countable equivalent	Use 'proof' or 'piece of evidence' to count evidence.
N7	A	Uncountable noun: progress	'Progress' is uncountable and has no plural here.
N8	B	Uncountable noun: advice	'Advice' is uncountable.
N9	A	Quantifier	'A little' is used with uncountable nouns.
N10	A	Uncountable noun: information	'Information' is uncountable and takes a singular verb.
N11	A	Measure expression	'Pieces of equipment' is the correct countable form.
N12	A	Plural-only noun	'Manners' is plural when referring to behaviour.
N13	A	-ics nouns	Academic subjects ending in '-ics' usually take a singular verb.
N14	A	Fixed expression	The idiom is 'give it a try'.
N15	A	Proper nouns	Most country names take no article.
N16	A	Countries with 'the'	'The Netherlands' requires the definite article.
N17	A	Collective noun	The committee is viewed as one unit.
N18	A	Collective noun	The committee is viewed as individual members.
N19	A	Collective noun	The audience is viewed as one group.
N20	A	Collective noun	The audience is viewed as individual members.
N21	A	Mandatory plural collective	'Police' always takes a plural verb.
N22	A	Uncountable noun: furniture	'Furniture' is uncountable.
N23	A	Uncountable noun: progress	'Progress' remains singular.
N24	A	Country names	'The United Kingdom' is grammatically singular.
N25	A	Collective noun	'Government' refers to its members (British English).