

More Practice with expressions of quantity-

Write all the given nouns that can be used to complete the sentence. You can make them plural.

1. Helen bought several _____
lamp, furniture, jewelry, necklace
2. Jack bought too much _____
shoe, salt, equipment, tool
3. Sam bought a lot of _____
stamps, rice, stuff, thing
4. Alice bought a couple of _____
bread, loaf of bread, honey, jar of honey
5. I read a few _____
novel, literature, poem, poetry
6. I bought some _____
orange juice, light bulb, hardware, software
7. We need plenty of _____
sleep, information, fact, help
8. I saw both _____
woman, movie, scene, scenery
9. Nick has a number of _____
shirt, homework, pen, chalk
10. I don't have a great deal of _____
patience, wealth, friend, pencil
11. I need a little _____
luck, money, advice, hat
12. The author has many _____
idea, theory, hypothesis, knowledge

PRONUNCIATION: Native Spanish speakers sometimes have trouble with the B and V sounds in English. Say: bowel and vowel. Can you hear the difference?

The B and V sound are quite different in English. To say B, you block the air fully with both lips and then release it. Say: ba ba ba. To say V, you put your top teeth on your bottom lip. Say: va va va.

Practice these B and V sounds:

vine - bine	ban - vine	vroom - broom	jive - jibe	rove - robe
very beautiful berry	love to rove	we've broken it	Vicky is before me	ban the van
vote for the boat	serve the Serb	my best vest	the vet bet on it	vow to bow
vile bile	bolt volt	bowl vole	curb curve	dribble drivet
lobes loaves	rebel revel	glove globe	virtue and vice	liven up

Read and discuss these conversations in your small group.

Sonny: My son graduated from high school yesterday. It was a bittersweet moment.

Sara: What do you mean? Aren't you excited he graduated.

Sonny: Oh yes. I'm proud of him. He graduated near the top of his class, but he plans to attend college out of state. I know I won't be seeing much of him in the next few years. That makes me a little sad.

Sara: I understand. You are going to be an empty nester. That's a hard adjustment. I miss my kids too. The house seems too quiet.

1. Bittersweet feelings mean you are happy and sad at the same time. Tell about a time when you had bittersweet feelings about something.
2. What do you think an "empty nester" is? Do you have kids at home. Were your parents sad when you left home?
3. What does Sonny mean when he says his son graduated near the top of his class.

Jan: I'm worried about all the unnatural ingredients that are in our food. Do you read the labels on all the food you buy?

Sandy: I don't worry too much about that. I don't think it makes much difference what you eat. My dad ate cheeseburgers for lunch every day of his life and he lived to be 85.

Jan: I just don't trust the food industry. I know food sometimes has harmful ingredients. I don't like the idea of eating a bunch of chemicals.

Sandy: You sound like a "food Nazi".

Jan: I am very careful about what I eat. I don't eat processed food. I avoid junk food. I buy fresh vegetables at the farmer's market. If that makes me a "food Nazi" then I guess I am one.

1. Do you worry about unnatural ingredients in your food?
2. Do you read food labels?
3. Are you a "food Nazi"?
4. What's your favorite junk food.

Jen: I'll keep this short and sweet, Bill. I don't want you bringing your dog to my house anymore.

Bill: Don't get all worked up, Jen. I just brought Bozer over a couple of times.

Jen: Yes, and both times he tried to bite one of my children and he pooped on my porch. Bozer is not welcome here.

Bill: Aw Jen. You take everything too seriously. Bozer wouldn't hurt a fly. He just nipped at your kids because they were pulling his tail. That will teach the kids a good lesson. They shouldn't pull dog's tails.

Jen: I've said my piece. I won't bring it up again, but you leave Bozer home when you visit here.

1. Define "short and sweet".
2. What does Bill mean when he tells Jen not to get all worked up?
3. What kind of a man do you think Bill is? Is he considerate?
4. What does Bill mean when he says Bozer wouldn't hurt a fly?
5. If you "say your piece", you say what you had planned to say. Do you think Jen was rude to tell Bill not to bring Bozer over?