**Тема 1 THE NUMBER OF THE NOUN**

**Exercise 1 Complete the sentences using one of the nouns in the list:**

bachelor, bridegroom, female, cows, goddess, hens, heroin, heiress, lioness, mares, nieces, nuns, princess, spinster, widower, prince.

1 My mother’s brother and sister have never married. He’s still a … and she’s a ….

2 I enjoy being an aunt. I have two … and three nephews.

3 We took a photo of the bride and … at the wedding.

4 These days few men become monks and few women become ….

5 There are only two bulls in the field, but there are dozens of ….

6 The stallion is in a separate place from the ….

7 There is a cock and five … in the coop.

8 In fairy tales the handsome …usually marries the beautiful ….

9 We went to a wildlife park and saw a lot of lions and ….

10 In mythology, Mars is the god of war: Diana is the … of hunting.

11 She is the only … of her grandfather’s fortune.

12 Why does everyone expect the hero of the story to marry the ….

13 A widow can often manage much better on her own than a …,

14 Male tigers are less aggressive than … tigers.

**Exercise 2 Give the plural of:**

1 A pin, a hat, a fox, a baby, a day, potato, a volcano, a piano, a photo, a knife, a roof, a half, a leaf, a cliff, a chief, a life, a family, a queue, a bath, a berry, a valley, a century, a salmon, a taxi, a person, a penny, a watch, a virtuoso, a lily, a woodworm.

2 A man, a woman, a German, a foot, a tooth, a sheep, a ship, a fish, an ox, a fox, a child, a fireman, a mouse, a swine, a house, a louse, a goose, a mongoose, a deer, a means, a series, a species, an aircraft, an offspring, a Swiss, a Japanese, a Maltese, a Portuguese, a Chinese, a Milanese.

3 A passer-by, a mother-in-law, a room-mate, a forget-me-not, a merry-go-round, a fellow-worker, a man-of-war, a school-inspector, a commander-in-chief, a boy-messenger, a personnel-manager, a woman-driver, a man-servant, a hanger-on, a face-lift, a spoonful, a cupful, a boyfriend, a grown-up, an office-block, a workmate.

**Exercise 3 Most of these sentences are wrong. Correct them where necessary, put “Right” if the sentence is already correct:**

Example: Gymnastics is my favourite sport. Right.

1 I can’t find my binoculars. Do you know where it is?

2 The bicycle is an excellent mean of transport.

3 Three years is a long time to be without a job.

4 Mary has just started a new job. She has got a two-year contract.

5 We went for a six-miles’ walk in the country.

6 Many people has given up smoking.

7 The black jeans you bought for me doesn’t fit me.

8 This plant is a very rare specie.

9 Last Sunday we took our little son to the zoo. At the zoo we bought some bread for him to feed the deers.

10 I didn’t have many luggages **–** just two small bags.

11 Where are you going to put all your furnitures?

12 It is said that Robin Hood robbed rich and gave the money to poor.

13 French are famous for their food.

14 What is the man’s name who lent us the money?

15 It’s about a three hours’ drive to the station from my house.

16 I first met him at Bob’s and Ann’s wedding.

17 Does the police know how the accident happened?

18 I am going to buy a new pyjama. Mine is already old.

**Exercise 4 Choose the correct form of the verb, singular or plural:**

1 The staff at the school (not to be) happy with their new working condition. 2 His staff (to be) very small last year. 3 When he came the baseball team (to practise) on the school field. 4 The team (to have) baths at the moment and then (to come) back here for tea. 5 The clergy (to be) generally dressed in black. 6 The government (to want) to increase taxes. 7 The government (to decide) to pass the bill. 8 There (to be) two fish in his basket. 9 “Surely I have caught all the fish that (to swim),” he said to himself and laughed. 10 The board (to be) going to consider your application at the next sitting. 11 The board (to be) extraordinarily kind to you. 12 That day the committee (to be) to meet at her friend’s house. 13 I had to find out whether the committee (to be) competent enough to consider the project. 14 The public (to request) not to leave litter in the woods. 15 Close by, a group of men (to sit). 16 A group of students (to go) on a tour to Poland in summer. 17 The job is unpaid, but a number of persons (to be) willing to undertake it. 18 The number of the unemployed (to rise) very fast. 19 Con’s family who (to be) occupied each with their particular guest didn’t notice anything. 20 Monty’s family (to be) of about the same social status as my own. 21 Can I borrow your scissors? Mine (not to be) sharp enough. 22 I need more money than that. Ten pounds (not to be) enough to buy it. 23 Three days (not to be) enough for a good holiday. 24 Everybody says that the Swiss police (to be) great at finding people. 25 Twenty thousand pounds (to steal) in the robbery.

**Exercise 5 Use the right form of the verb be:**

1 The information about this company ... encouraging. 2 All the furniture in this office ... the latest design. 3 My knowledge of German ... very limited. 4 These shorts ... too long. 5 They ... a big family, with many branches. 6 This equipment ... for camping. 7 The scissors ... here a minute ago. 8 The Government ... of the opinion that money in the accounts ... siphoned out of the country. 9 These trousers ... too tight. 10 The weather ... fabulous in Italy in early autumn. 11 These stairs ... dangerous. 12 Where ... your clothes made? 13 The headphones on my new walkman ... great. 14 ... the scales over there electronic? 15 There ... a hair on my dinner plate. 16 Yesterday's homework ... rather difficult. 17 Her luggage ... on the scales already. 18 Your advice ... very timely. Thank you. 19 The news ... too good to be true. 20 The team ... no more than seven young men. 21 The hospital staff ... all very young. 22 Judging by the fact that Malfoy usually had the best of everything, his family ... rolling in gold. 23 She came from a large, close-knit, and loving clan who ... always there to protect and help each other.

**Exercise 6 Translate into English:**

1 Сведения только что поступили, и секретарь просматривает их. 2 Врач дал нам так много советов, что мы не знаем, какими из них воспользоваться. 3 Упорный труд – ключ к успеху. 4 Это творческая работа, однако знания здесь тоже очень важны. 5 Ваши успехи нас радуют. 6 Я вижу, что мои советы тебе помогают, не правда ли? 7 – А что думает об этом полиция? – Она обескуражена этим преступлением. 8 – Мне нужны хорошие новые джинсы. – Хорошие джинсы стоят дорого. 9 Моя зарплата не столь высока, чтобы обедать в ресторанах. 10 Ее одежда – это в основном джинсы, свитера и майки. 11 Осторожнее, ступени очень крутые. 12 Полиция все еще ищет угонщиков самолета, но пока не задержала их. 13 Бильярд – его любимая игра. 14 Его специальность – экономика. 15 А что говорит твоя семья? Она согласна на твой брак с Виктором? 16 Штат этой фирмы состоит из тридцати человек. 17 Труппа этого театра – это в основном выпускники ГИТИСа. 18 Сегодня весенняя погода. 19 Какая великолепная сегодня погода! 20 Обожаю бродить по лесу в грибную пору. 21 Она работает в своем саду в любую погоду.