

Chap 5: exercises

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Exercises 2

- (1) a. Plural-only use: That's what you'll look like in twenty years if you don't eat more greens. (Greens here means "vegetables", but it's strictly limited to the plural; so although you can say Broccoli is a vegetable, you can't express the same thing by saying *Broccoli is a green).
- b. Ordinary plural use: You can't wear that scarf with that coat, because the greens don't match. (Here the greens means "the two shades of green", and it is a straightforward ordinary plural of a singular noun).
- (2) a. Plural-only use: I don't know if he'd been swimming, but he was wearing trunks.
- b. Ordinary plural use: The elephants were all waving their trunks in time to the music.

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- (3) a. arts and social science graduates, the faculty of arts
b. transformed those arts into sciences
- (4) a. I had the beginnings of a headache.
b. Think of these as new beginnings.
- (5) a. my compliments to the chef
b. Take these as my compliments

Exercises 3

Take the nouns advantage and coffee, for example:

- (6) a. count: Her proposal's one advantage is that it would reduce costs.
- b. non-count: They took advantage of us.
- (7) a. I drink too much coffee.
- b. I ordered you a coffee.

Exercises 3

- (8) a. For details, see the following.
b. Pay attention to detail.
- (9) a. Thanks for many helps.
b. He was screaming for help

Exercises 4

- (10) a. Shall we go in your car? Answer: Definite. I assume you can identify which car I'm referring to ? the car that is yours.
- b. Several members urged him to resign. Answer: Indefinite. I don't assume you can identify the members? It would be quite natural for you to respond, "Which ones?"

Exercises 7

Select an appropriate case-form of the pronoun I for the blank positions in the following examples. If more than one case-form is admissible in Standard English, list them all and comment on the difference between them.

- (11) a. Example: It wasn't __ who broke it.
- b. Answer: Both nominative I and accusative me are admissible in this construction, the former being somewhat formal in style, the latter somewhat informal.