

A. Underline the correct word in each sentence.

1. There were a few *drops* / *specks* of blood on the floor where the accident had occurred.
2. The hungry boys had polished off every *loaf* / *morsel* of food in the house.
3. I was in a *spot* / *scrap* of bother after the babysitter cancelled at the last minute.
4. It was probably the best *speck* / *piece* of advice that anyone has ever given me.
5. I buy a fresh *morsel* / *loaf* of bread from the bakery every morning.

B. Complete the sentences using words from the box.

pat scrap gust lock bit rashers grain pang work speck
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1. You shouldn't have overreacted like that. He was only having a of fun.
2. If you're going back up to the buffet, can you get me another of butter?
3. A strong of wind blew the papers off the picnic table.
4. By the time I'd finished cleaning, there wasn't a of dust to be found.
5. Mary kept a of her son's hair in a box as a memento of his first haircut.
6. My breakfast consisted of two of bacon, some beans, and an egg.
7. It was obvious that there wasn't a of truth in what Tony was saying.
8. I felt a of guilt when we dropped the dog off at the kennel yesterday.
9. There wasn't a of evidence to prove that he had done it.
10. She's done a great job decorating the cake; it's an absolute of art!

C. Match the sentence halves with their endings, underlining the correct word.

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| 1. Dan tore up the letter in a sudden <i>torrent</i> / <i>fit</i> | a. of humour and always makes me laugh. |
| 2. Mum had sewn a label on every <i>coat</i> / <i>item</i> | b. of paint. |
| 3. The wall could do with another <i>coat</i> / <i>pat</i> | c. of garlic and half an onion. |
| 4. The recipe calls for a <i>pat</i> / <i>clove</i> | d. of my clothing. |
| 5. He has a good <i>coat</i> / <i>sense</i> | e. of anger. |



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Homework answers

Partitive Expressions + Uncountable Nouns

Exercise A

1. drops
2. morsel
3. spot
4. piece
5. loaf

Exercise B

1. bit
2. pat
3. gust
4. speck
5. lock
6. rashers
7. grain/scrap
8. pang
9. scrap/grain
10. work

Exercise C

1. fit, e
2. item, d
3. coat, b
4. clove, c
5. sense, a