

Homework

Partitive Expressions + Uncountable Nouns

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

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.

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



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Homework answers

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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