

**1. Write plural forms of these nouns.**

Singular	Plural
nucleus	
fungus	
thesis	
phenomenon	
criterion	
alumnus	
bacterium	
datum	
medium	
paralysis	
crisis	
diagnosis	
basis	

**2. Add missing words to the following sentences.**

- a) Dementia is a slow decline brain functions, which interferes people’s ability live a normal life.
- b) The difficulty that we face that not only it an awful disease, but it also costing society an increasing amount look these people.
- c) The situation present is just control, but it is a fact the problem is growing.
- d) The figures show that someone is diagnosed the disease every four seconds and cases expected to soar 44 million now 135 million 2050.
- e) In my opinion, it’s a problem is going touch us all way or another.
- f) Money which be spent research other diseases will have to be spent looking patients dementia.
- g) The way I see, if we don’t do anything about, the problem is just going grow and the health service won’t able cope.
- h) It’s the young people are going to have care their elderly relatives.
- i) Finding a means enabling sufferers live independently longer would have a positive impact them too.
- j) You could be right, but it does seem focus mainly older people. I’m two minds that one. Let’s go to the next choice ...

**3. Replace the underlined words with the words from the box.**

/sɪˈvɪə/      /hɜːˈmeɪn/      /ˈfæmɪn/      /ʌndəˈnʌrɪʃt/  
/ɪnˈfʊə/      /ˈlʌɪvstɔːk/      /ˈwʌɪdsprɛd/

- 1) Global warming could cause serious weather conditions.
- 2) 925 million people suffer hunger and another billion are not eating enough.
- 3) Population increase may mean starvation becomes a worldwide problem.
- 4) Meat production is cruel and inefficient – we need more merciful meat production
- 5) How can we make sure everyone has access to safe and clean water?
- 6) Extensive use of antibiotics in agriculture to treat infection in farm animals, which has been linked to other diseases.

**Answers**

Singular	Plural

nucleus	nuclei/nucleuses
fungus	fungi
thesis	theses
phenomenon	phenomena
criterion	criteria
alumnus	alumni
bacterium	bacteria
datum	data
medium	media
paralysis	paralyses
crisis	crises
diagnosis	diagnoses
basis	bases

2.

- a) Dementia is a slow decline in brain functions, which interferes with people's ability to live a normal life.
- b) The difficulty that we face is that not only is it an awful disease, but it is also costing society an increasing amount to look after these people.
- c) The situation at present is just about under control, but it is a fact that the problem is growing.
- d) The figures show that someone is diagnosed with the disease every four seconds and cases are expected to soar from 44 million now to 135 million by 2050.
- e) In my opinion, it's a problem which is going to touch us all in some way or another.
- f) Money which could be spent on research for other diseases will have to be spent on looking after patients with dementia.
- g) The way I see it, if we don't do anything about it, the problem is just going to grow and the health service won't be able to cope.
- h) It's the young people who are going to have to care for their elderly relatives.
- i) Finding a means of enabling sufferers to live independently for longer would have a positive impact on them too.
- j) You could be right, but it does seem to focus mainly on older people. I'm in two minds about that one. Let's go on to the next choice ...

3.

- 1) Global warming could cause severe weather conditions.
- 2) 925 million people suffer hunger and another billion are undernourished.
- 3) Population increase may mean famine becomes a worldwide problem.
- 4) Meat production is cruel and inefficient – we need more humane meat production
- 5) How can we ensure everyone has access to safe and clean water?
- 6) Widespread use of antibiotics in agriculture to treat infection in livestock, which has been linked to other diseases.

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