

- 2 Read the information and identify examples of prefixes, suffixes, compound nouns and compound adjectives.

City invaders

UNTIL RECENT TIMES A RACCOON ROAMING AROUND CITY STREETS WAS A RARELY SEEN PHENOMENON. NOW IT IS AN ALMOST NIGHTLY OCCURRENCE.

The continuing expansion of our cities and the resulting destruction of their natural habitat has made life in the countryside impossible for many raccoons. As a result, thousands of the unfortunate creatures have migrated to the back gardens and scraps of wasteland found in many cities. Rather than hunting small animals, they simply steal from waste-bins and rubbish dumps, scavenging from the carelessly discarded human waste that lies all around them. Most people regard these urban raccoons as a nuisance, but few know what to do about them. For as soon as one is captured or destroyed, several more appear to take its place.



- 3 Complete the diagnostic test below. Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- 1 I'm interested in your keep-fit class. What qualifications does the *trainee* / *trainer* have? ➤ Unit 69.1
- 2 Learning to touch-type can take some time. But, if you are *persistence* / *persistent*, you will eventually master it. ➤ Unit 69.2
- 3 I noticed your *ex-* / *pre-* employee working at the supermarket yesterday. ➤ Unit 69.3
- 4 It's shocking. Some of the children leaving our schools are only *half-literate* / *semi-literate*. ➤ Unit 69.3
- 5 There are some great *record* / *records* shops in the High Street. ➤ Unit 70.1
- 6 I'd like a cheese salad, a burger and two *coffee cups* / *cups of coffee*, please. ➤ Unit 70.1
- 7 There aren't any waiters – it's a *self-service* / *serve yourself* restaurant. ➤ Unit 70.2
- 8 Interest in Latino music is no longer confined to *speaking Spanish* / *Spanish-speaking* audiences. ➤ Unit 70.2
- 9 That old curtain fabric has *done* / *made* a marvellous evening gown. ➤ Unit 71.1
- 10 Darling, can you *bring* / *fetch* my mother from the station on Tuesday? ➤ Unit 71.2
- 11 Sorry I'm home so late, I *took* / *brought* the car to work today and I got stuck in a traffic jam. ➤ Unit 71.2
- 12 The prime minister *spoke* / *talked* at the climate change conference in Copenhagen. ➤ Unit 71.3
- 13 Our old cat doesn't do much. It just likes to *lie* / *lay* in the sun all day. ➤ Unit 71.4
- 14 What do you think of that plan to *rise* / *raise* the Titanic from the seabed? ➤ Unit 71.4
- 15 They *robbed* / *stole* my purse in broad daylight! ➤ Unit 71.5

- 4 Check your answers on page 384. Then go to the unit for information and practice.