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1 ~~traffics~~ traffic (uncountable); an investment; a return; Visitors 2 ~~informations~~ information (uncountable); ~~softwares~~ software (uncountable); ~~trainings~~ training (uncountable); a guidance (uncountable); ~~hardwares~~ hardware (uncountable)

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2 find 3 is 4 shows 5 leads 6 is 7 is 8 need to 9 is 10 is 11 is 12 are 13 is 14 are 15 is 16 leave 17 departs 18 wish

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2 a nice room (a singular countable noun needs a determiner) 3 was (*traffic* is uncountable and takes a singular verb) 4 trips (*travel* is uncountable) 5 jobs (this use of *work* is uncountable) 6 experience (this meaning of *experience* is uncountable); a campaign 7 a small business (this meaning of *business* is countable) 8 competitors (the countable meaning of *competitions* is games or contests)

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2 a bottle/glass of 3 a bit/piece of 4 a bit of 5 a bit of 6 a bit of 7 a bit/piece of 8 a bit of 9 a bit of 10 a bit of

6 a

shorts is are; New furniture and audio equipment ~~has~~ have; earnings from investments ~~was~~ were; The news in Asia are is; exports to the EU ~~was~~ were; the pension scheme, which ~~have~~ has; changes to the current scheme is are

b

The union ~~has~~/have; The management team is/are; the company is/are; ALD Insurance is/are

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2 Are 3 Is/Are 4 Is 5 Are

Unit 34

Introductory exercise

a *The official business link*; *The US Government*; *The US Small Business Administration*; *an access point*; *The nation's businesses*

b *Business.gov*; *government services*; *information*; *operations*

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2 A 3 a (*university* starts with a consonant sound /j/); an (*MBA* starts with a vowel sound /em/) 4 a; an (the *h* is silent in *hour*) 5 a; an (the *h* in *honest* is silent) 6 an; a (*European* starts with a consonant sound /j/)

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2 a (first mention); the (second mention) 3 the (there is one general manager); a (you have more than one friend) 4 a (first mention); an (one of many opportunities); the (second mention); an (first mention) 5 The (I told you about this machine before); an (frequency expression) 6 a (first mention); the (superlative form); the (specific company) 7 an (type of job); a (one of many jobs) 8 the (there is one Italian market); the (a nationality) 9 a (first mention); the (specific skills); a (one of many) 10 the (we know which offer they are talking about); an (first mention; starts with a vowel sound /es/)

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2 A the B – (a plural noun) 3 A the (superlative form) B – (day) 4 A the (superlative form) B – (plural noun) 5 A – (uncountable noun) B the (a specific noun; we both know about this)

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2 – (a company name) 3 – (uncountable) 4 the (already mentioned) 5 a (first mention) 6 a (first mention) 7 a (first mention) 8 the (a specific category of people) 9 a (one of several) 10 – (uncountable) 11 the (superlative) 12 – (uncountable noun used in a general way) 13 a (first mention) 14 – (uncountable noun used in a general way) 15 – (uncountable noun used in a general way) 16 the (there is only one) 17 – (uncountable) 18 an (one of several effects)

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2 – 3 a (first mention) 4 – (noun used in a general way) 5 – (plural noun) 6 the (a specific category) 7 the (a time expression) 8 an (*e-commerce* starts with a vowel sound) 9 a (first mention) 10 – (company name) 11 – (a festival) 12 the (previously mentioned) 13 a (one of many) 14 the (there is only one) 15 – (street name) 16 The (specific and already mentioned) 17 a (first mention) 18 the (a time expression)

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2 – 3 the; – 4 – 5 – 6 the

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2 – 3 the 4 the 5 – 6 the (they both know about this) 7 the (there is one design team) 8 the 9 the 10 – 11 a (one of many possible ideas) 12 an (first mention) 13 the 14 the 15 The (already mentioned)

Unit 35

Introductory exercise

The words in italics tell you how many/much.

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2 most 3 enough 4 Many / A lot of* 5 all 6 much / a lot of* 7 Some / A lot of 8 more 9 several 10 a few 11 a little / some 12 many / a lot of*

* *Lots of* is possible but is less formal and therefore unlikely in a written context.

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2 any (question) 3 some (offer) 4 some (request) 5 any (negative sentence) 6 some (affirmative sentence) 7 any (negative sentence) 8 no (negative idea after an affirmative verb) 9 any (question) 10 no (negative idea after an affirmative verb) 11 any (negative sentence) 12 some (affirmative sentence)

3 a

1 a-few (*sterling* is uncountable); any (*any* is usually used with a negative verb) 2 many (*travelling* is uncountable); some (*some of* is not usually used with a negative verb) 3 several (*training* is uncountable); a-little (*courses* is countable and plural) 4 a-few (*time* is uncountable here); much (*much* isn't normally used in simple affirmative statements)