General Exercise

1. Can you arrange the letters in heavy type to form words?

   We had a lovely prupes ____________ last night. Mum cooked some hfsi ____________ and chips and some seap ____________. Then we had an plepa ____________ crumble and cream. I was still hungry so I had some biscuits, ttubre ____________ and hsceee ____________.

2. Fill in the group names (e.g. troop, gaggle) in the following.

   A ____________ of sheep          A ____________ of bees
   A ____________ of monkeys        A ____________ of birds
   A ____________ of puppies         A ____________ of fish
   A ____________ of geese           A ____________ of cattle

3. In each of the following lines underline the word that means the same as the word on the left.

   often          seldom          always          frequently          never          sometimes
   conceal        hide            stick           show             confess         confide
   repair          break          repast         remain          make            mend
   abandon        bandage        leave          collect         lose            find
   remote          surrounding    near            mean           distant        close

4. Underline the nouns in this passage.

   My aunt and uncle come to stay with us last Wednesday. Next week we are taking them to the theatre to see a pantomime called "Puss in Boots".

5. Fill in the following spaces with either to, too or two.

   There are _______ girls here.
   I will give it _______ him.
   Steven said that Paul and his brother went _______.
6. The name of an animal appears in each line. Write the name in the space.

You catch balls well.  __________________________
He scowled when he couldn't do it.  __________________________
He had a red tassel on his cap.  __________________________
They trampled all over the garden.  __________________________
He threw everything on the floor.  __________________________
"Where are you going to advertise it?"  __________________________

7. Where do the following live?

pig  __________  vicar  __________  bird  __________
Eskimo  __________  traveller  __________  bee  __________
lion  __________  nun  __________  monk  __________

8. Put inverted commas (speech marks) in the following passage:

I'm not coming back to school any more,  said Anne.
Diana gasped and stared at Anne to see if she meant it.  Will Mary let you stay at home?  she asked.
She'll have to,  said Anne.

9. Some words can be given an opposite meaning by putting the prefix un or dis in front of them. Can you put these words in the right column?

selfish  honest  agree  certain  order  common
un  __________  __________
dis  __________  __________
  __________  __________
  __________  __________
  __________  __________
10. Complete the following adjectives of comparison.

good ____________  ____________  
rich ____________  ____________  
bad ____________  ____________  
quiet ____________  ____________  
pretty ____________  ____________  
many ____________  ____________  
eary ____________  ____________  

11. Write the opposite of the word in bold type.

The sea was very rough.  ____________  
She bought a book.  ____________  
It was a dull day.  ____________  
The dress was beautiful.  ____________  
Karen always laughs.  ____________  
Mum was very sad.  ____________  

12. Many things go together, such as bucket and spade.  Complete the following.

Shoes and ____________  Soap and ____________  
Knife and ____________  Needle and ____________  
Bread and ____________  Hat and ____________  

13. Underline the verbs.

As he was late, the boy ran to the station.  He hurried on to the platform and boarded the train a second or two before the guard waved his flag and the train moved away.  
Now the train was steaming off at the top speed, puffing out a massive cloud of smoke from its chimney.  Suddenly, an alien landed onto the steaming train, put its hand through an open window and pulled the emergency chain.