Trouble spots: Countable or uncountable?

Key to the exercises

'Much' or 'many'?

1. I've got so many things to do I don't know where to start! (🡺 'things' is a countable noun)
2. Whenever I have so much to do I always start with a nice cup of tea. (🡺 no direct noun, meaning 'a lot' 🡺 uncountable)
3. I can see that you have put much work into your essay. (🡺 'work' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
4. After the long and tedious journey he didn't have much energy left. (🡺 'energy' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
5. We were surprised to see how many paintings she has collected. (🡺 'paintings' is countable)
6. There will not be much freedom left once these laws have been implemented! (🡺 'freedom' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
7. In the distance, we were able to hear the voices of many children. (🡺 'child' is a countable noun; don't be fooled by the –ren plural here!)

'Few' or 'little'?

1. I've made three cakes, so there is little flour left now. (🡺 flour is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
2. There is little hope now for the bill to pass through Parliament. (🡺 'hope' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
3. There were few people who still believed what the CEO was telling them. (🡺 'people' is one plural of 'person' 🡺 countable)
4. Oh dear, there's little love lost between them! (🡺 'love' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
5. His arrogant way of treating people has left him with very few friends now. (🡺 'friends' is a countable noun)
6. We must make good use of the few chances we still have. (🡺 'chances' are countable)
7. Hotel owners in the mountains complained of little snowfall. (🡺'snowfall' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)

'Fewer' or 'less'?

1. The band doesn't attract a big audience any more. There were fewer people at the concert than last year. (🡺 'people' is one plural of 'person' 🡺 countable)
2. Compared to twenty years ago, there seems to be less interest in charity work these days. (🡺 'interest' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
3. We had less sunshine than last month. (🡺 'sunshine' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)
4. Now that the new train company has taken over there are fewer trains into the capital. (🡺 'trains' are countable)
5. The longer we wait the fewer chances there will be for us. (🡺 'chances' are countable)
6. There are fewer family-friendly restaurants in town now. (🡺 'restaurants' are countable)
7. Using glass jars means less plastic pollution. (🡺 'pollution' is used in an abstract/general sense here 🡺 uncountable)