

Articles: a / an / the

Definite, indefinite and zero article. 4 exercises + answer key

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

a/an = first mention or indefinite. the = specific or unique. No article = general or abstract.

1 Exercise 1

EASY

Choose a, an, the, or no article.

Word bank: a / an / the / no article

1. I saw ____ cat in the garden.

2. ____ cat was black and white.

3. She is ____ engineer.

4. She is ____ honest person.

5. ____ dogs are loyal animals.

6. We visited ____ Eiffel Tower.

7. She plays ____ violin beautifully.

8. I don't eat ____ meat.

9. They live in ____ France.

10. I need ____ umbrella. It's raining.

2 Exercise 2

MEDIUM

Choose a, an, the or no article in context.

Word bank: a / an / the / no article

1. Can you pass ____ salt, please?

2. She works nurse at the local hospital.

3. ____ Amazon is the longest river in South America.

4. ____ love is the most important thing in life.

5. She is ____ best student in the class.

6. He went to ____ school by bus.

7. I'll have ____ sandwich and ____ orange juice.

8. Do you play ____ chess?

9. They live in ____ United Kingdom.

10. I saw ____ amazing film last night. ____ film was about space.

3 Exercise 3

HARD

Write the correct article: a, an, the, or no article.

1. He wants to be ____ architect.

2. ____ Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean on Earth.

3. I read ____ interesting article this morning.

4. ____ water boils at 100 degrees Celsius.

5. She bought ____ new dress for the wedding.

6. We watched ____ sunset from the rooftop.

7. ____ Mount Fuji is in Japan.

8. He is ____ only person I trust.

9. ____ happiness cannot be bought.

10. She plays ____ piano every evening.

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Exercise 4

HARDER

Write a, an, the, or no article for each blank.

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| 1. I'd like ____ coffee with ____ milk, please. | 2. She studies at ____ Oxford University. |
| 3. ____ sun rises in the east. | 4. He is ____ tallest boy in the class. |
| 5. There's ____ spider in the bath! | 6. We go to ____ church on Sundays. |
| 7. That was ____ worst meal I've ever had. | 8. ____ life is short, so enjoy it! |
| 9. Can you turn off ____ TV? | 10. She gave me ____ advice that changed my life. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: basic articles

1 a

2 the

3 an

4 an

5 no article

6 the

7 the

8 no article

9 no article

10 an

2 Exercise 2 Medium: articles in context

1 the

2 a

3 the

4 no article

5 the

6 no article

7 a / an

8 no article

9 the

10 an / The

3 Exercise 3 Hard: write the article

1 an

2 the

3 an

4 no article

5 a

6 the

7 no article

8 the

9 no article

10 the

4 Exercise 4 Harder: longer context

1 a / no article

2 no article

3 the

4 the

5 a

6 no article

7 the

8 no article

9 the

10 no article