



Articles — A2 exercises

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Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 23

A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. I saw ____ interesting film last night.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
2. She waited for ____ hour outside the station.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
3. He is studying at ____ university in Warsaw.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
4. I bought a jacket. ____ jacket was on sale.
A) A B) An C) The D) No article
5. ____ cats sleep for most of the day.
A) A B) An C) The D) No article
6. Could you close ____ window, please?
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
7. My father plays ____ guitar every evening.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
8. We play ____ football on Saturdays.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
9. She goes to ____ work by tram.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
10. He is ____ engineer at a software company.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. She works as _____ nurse in a small clinic.
2. I waited for _____ hour and then left.
3. Please shut _____ door behind you.

4. He bought a bicycle, but _____ bicycle was stolen a week later.
5. _____ moon looked enormous last night.
6. My sister plays _____ violin in an orchestra.
7. We had _____ excellent meal at that little place.
8. He is _____ university lecturer in Tbilisi.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. the / I / garden. / saw / a / fox / in

Report an unexpected animal, first mention.

2. is / in / Istanbul. / architect / an / She

Give somebody's profession before a vowel sound.

3. the / Could / open / window, / please? / you

Ask politely about a specific window.

4. hour / an / bus. / for / waited / We / the

Complain about a long wait, with a silent h.

5. a / of / exercise. / Dogs / need / lot

Make a general statement about a species.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) an** — Interesting begins with a vowel sound, so an is used.
2. **B) an** — The h in hour is silent, so the word begins with a vowel sound.
3. **A) a** — University begins with a y sound, so a is correct despite the vowel letter.
4. **C) The** — The second mention is identifiable, so it takes the.
5. **D) No article** — A general statement about a whole species uses the zero article.
6. **C) the** — Both speaker and listener know which window is meant.
7. **C) the** — Musical instruments take the after play.
8. **D) no article** — Sports take no article after play.
9. **D) no article** — Go to work is a fixed expression with no article.
10. **B) an** — Jobs take a or an, and engineer begins with a vowel sound.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **a** — Jobs take a or an, and nurse begins with a consonant sound.
2. **an** — The h in hour is silent, so the word begins with a vowel sound.
3. **the** — Both people know which door is meant.
4. **the** — The second mention is identifiable and takes the definite article.
5. **The** — Unique objects in the sky take the.
6. **the** — Musical instruments take the after play.
7. **an** — Excellent begins with a vowel sound.
8. **a** — University begins with a y sound, so a is correct.

C. Sentence building

1. **I saw a fox in the garden.**
2. **She is an architect in Istanbul.**
3. **Could you open the window, please?**
4. **We waited an hour for the bus.**
5. **Dogs need a lot of exercise.**