



Articles — B1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. I saw ____ interesting documentary last night.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
2. She bought a jacket, but ____ jacket did not fit.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
3. ____ dogs need daily exercise.
A) A B) An C) The D) No article
4. He plays ____ piano beautifully.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
5. My brother is ____ engineer.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
6. What is the difference between 'go to school' and 'go to the school'?
A) None
B) The first is about being a pupil, the second about the building
C) The first is informal
D) The second is wrong
7. We sailed down ____ Danube last summer.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
8. ____ Everest is the highest mountain on Earth.
A) A B) An C) The D) No article
9. She is ____ best candidate we interviewed.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
10. ____ water in this bottle tastes strange.
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. I bought _____ umbrella because it was pouring.
2. There is a café on our street. _____ café opens at seven.

3. Elephants are among _____ most intelligent animals alive.
4. He learned to play _____ guitar at fourteen.
5. My sister is _____ architect in Manchester.
6. We crossed _____ Thames by an old footbridge.
7. Mount Fuji can be seen from _____ centre of Tokyo on a clear day.
8. That was _____ worst film I have ever seen.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

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

1. the / I / owl / garden. / saw / an / in

Introduce something new and refer to something known.

2. lent / you / book / excellent. / was / me / The

Use the definite article with a relative clause.

3. sleep / of / for / the / day. / most / Cats

Make a general statement with a plural.

4. orchestra. / violin / an / plays / She / in / the

Use both articles in one sentence.

5. officer. / retired / police / a / My / is / father

State somebody's profession.

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** — An is used before a vowel sound, and interesting begins with one.
2. **C) the** — Second mention: the listener can now identify which jacket is meant.
3. **D) No article** — A general statement about a whole species takes a plural with no article.
4. **C) the** — Musical instruments take the after play, unlike sports, which take nothing.
5. **B) an** — Professions take a or an, and engineer begins with a vowel sound.
6. **B) The first is about being a pupil, the second about the building** — Zero article names the purpose of the institution; the names the physical place.
7. **C) the** — Rivers always take the.
8. **D) No article** — Single mountains take no article, though mountain ranges take the.
9. **C) the** — Superlatives are unique, so they take the.
10. **C) The** — The uncountable noun is made specific by in this bottle, so it takes the.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **an** — Umbrella begins with a vowel sound and is mentioned for the first time.
2. **The** — Second mention makes the noun identifiable, so it takes the.
3. **the** — The general plural Elephants needs no article, but a superlative always takes the.
4. **the** — Instruments take the after play.
5. **an** — Professions take a or an, and architect begins with a vowel sound.
6. **the** — Rivers always take the definite article.
7. **the** — Single mountains take no article, but centre of is made specific and takes the.
8. **the** — Superlatives are unique and therefore definite.

C. Sentence building

1. **I saw an owl in the garden.**
2. **The book you lent me was excellent.**
3. **Cats sleep for most of the day.**
4. **She plays the violin in an orchestra.**
5. **My father is a retired police officer.**