



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) the B) a C) an D) no article
3. ____ dogs need daily exercise.
A) A B) An C) No article D) The
4. He plays ____ piano beautifully.
A) the B) a C) an D) no article
5. My brother is ____ engineer.
A) a B) the C) an D) no article
6. What is the difference between 'go to school' and 'go to the school'?
A) None
B) The first is informal
C) The first is about being a pupil, the second about the building
D) The second is wrong
7. We sailed down ____ Danube last summer.
A) the B) a C) an D) no article
8. ____ Everest is the highest mountain on Earth.
A) A B) No article C) An D) The
9. She is ____ best candidate we interviewed.
A) a B) an C) no article D) the
10. ____ water in this bottle tastes strange.
A) The B) A C) An 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. **A) the** — Second mention: the listener can now identify which jacket is meant.
3. **C) No article** — A general statement about a whole species takes a plural with no article.
4. **A) the** — Musical instruments take the after play, unlike sports, which take nothing.
5. **C) an** — Professions take a or an, and engineer begins with a vowel sound.
6. **C) 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. **A) the** — Rivers always take the.
8. **B) No article** — Single mountains take no article, though mountain ranges take the.
9. **D) the** — Superlatives are unique, so they take the.
10. **A) 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.**