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Articles with Abstract Nouns

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1. Help the slightly pretentious art critic complete their gallery review by selecting the correct article for each abstract noun.

I usually argue that _____ beauty is entirely subjective, but _____ beauty of this particular sculpture left me speechless. It possesses _____ profound sadness, one that resonates with anyone who has ever experienced _____ grief over a lost love.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** (no article)
- **B)** the
- **C)** a

Blank 2

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 3

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 4

- **A)** (no article)
- **B)** the
- **C)** a

2. Complete the astronaut's tense mission log by choosing the correct article for each gap. Use "--" if no article is needed.

Every space explorer must eventually face _____ fear when looking into the endless, silent void. Commander Lewis felt _____ sudden, overwhelming fear when her ship's main engines abruptly sputtered and died. Fortunately, her rigorous training helped her suppress _____ fear that gripped her mind, allowing her to reboot the system.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **A)** --
- **B)** a
- **C)** the

Blank 2

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** --

Blank 3

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** --

3. Complete the melodramatic detective's monologue by selecting the grammatically correct option.

It wasn't the missing royal diamonds that bothered me, but rather ___ audacity of the thief who left a polite thank-you note on my desk.

Select one.

A) a
B) the
C) (no article)
D) an

4. Review the Time Traveler's Guidebook and select ALL the grammatically correct warnings about abstract concepts.

Select all that apply.

A) You must never alter the history of the Victorian era.
B) Time is an illusion, but lunchtime doubly so.
C) The rookie experienced a terrifying silence when the machine broke.
D) You must never alter history of the Victorian era.
E) The time is an illusion, especially when you are running late.

5. Help the fantasy novelist complete the backstory of their main character by choosing the correct article.

Despite growing up in a remote and damp cave, the young hero received ___ surprisingly excellent education from a family of philosophical bats.

Select one.

A) a
B) the
C) an
D) (no article)

6. An eccentric billionaire's ghostwriter is struggling with grammar. Help them by selecting ALL the grammatically correct sentences for the memoir.

Select all that apply.

A) Life in the 1980s was wonderfully chaotic and full of neon.
B) The life of a billionaire is not as simple as it looks.
C) I was lucky to receive an excellent education in Switzerland.
D) The life in the 1980s was wonderfully chaotic and full of neon.
E) I was lucky to receive the excellent education in Switzerland.

7. Help the food critic polish her dramatic review by choosing the correct article for each gap. Use "--" if no article is needed.

Chef Marcel's relentless pursuit of _____ perfection is legendary in the culinary world. He possesses _____ profound passion for creating bizarre desserts, which usually delights his customers. Yesterday, however, the kitchen staff were genuinely terrified by _____ anger he displayed when a waiter dropped his masterpiece.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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A) --
B) a
C) the

Blank 2
A) a
B) the
C) --

Blank 3
A) the
B) a
C) --

8. Complete the mad scientist's dramatic diary entry by choosing the correct article for each abstract noun.

They say that _____ madness and genius are two sides of the same coin. However, I must confess that _____ madness of my latest invention surprised even me! It requires _____ special kind of courage to flip the power switch, knowing perfectly well that _____ carelessness could vaporize the entire laboratory.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **A)** (no article)
- **B)** the
- **C)** a

Blank 2

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 3

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** (no article)

Blank 4

- **A)** (no article)
- **B)** the
- **C)** a

9. Read the wizard's diary entry about facing a dragon. Select ALL the sentences that use articles with abstract nouns correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Courage is essential when fighting fire-breathing reptiles.
- **B)** The courage of the local villagers surprised the beast.
- **C)** The knight felt a profound sadness after the battle ended.
- **D)** Courage of the local villagers surprised the beast.
- **E)** The courage is essential when fighting fire-breathing reptiles.

10. Choose the correct option to complete the eccentric philosopher's questionable life advice.

Many people spend their entire lives searching for wealth and status, but I firmly believe that ___ absolute freedom is found only by living inside a wooden barrel.

Select one.

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** an
- **D)** (no article)