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Articles: A, An, The & Zero Article

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1. You're planning a trip and checking the schedule. Choose the correct article to complete the sentence.

"The train leaves in ___ hour, so we need to hurry!"

Select one.

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

2. You're planning a trip and telling your friend about it. Select ALL the sentences that use the correct article (a or an).

Select all that apply.

A) I'm visiting an old castle next weekend.
B) She booked a hotel near a European city.
C) We need an umbrella for the rainy weather.
D) He spent an hour looking at the map.
E) I met a honest tour guide yesterday.

3. You went shopping yesterday! Select ALL the sentences that contain an article mistake.

Select all that apply.

A) I bought a umbrella because it looked like rain.
B) The shop assistant was very helpful.
C) She found an unique gift for her mom.
D) We had lunch at a nice restaurant.
E) He is a honest salesperson.

4. You're telling a friend about your shopping trip. Choose the correct articles to show how we introduce something new vs. talk about it again.

Yesterday I bought _____ new phone. I love _____ phone — it has an amazing camera! I also got _____ hour of free tech support with it.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) a
B) an
C) the

Blank 2
A) the
B) a
C) an

Blank 3
A) an
B) a
C) the

5. You're describing a long wait at a busy café. Select the correct option for each blank.

"I waited for _____ hour to get a table! But _____ coffee was worth it—best I've ever had."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) a
B) an
C) the

Blank 2

A) a
B) an
C) the

6. You're chatting about your favorite drinks. Select ALL the sentences where the article choice is correct.

Select all that apply.

A) I love coffee. It helps me wake up!
B) The coffee at this café is amazing.
C) I drink the coffee every morning. (talking about coffee in general)
D) Water is essential for good health.
E) She prefers the tea to the coffee. (talking about drinks in general)

7. Your cousin is telling you about her study abroad plans. Select the correct option for each blank.

"Next year, I'm going to _____ university in Spain. It's in _____ European city called Valencia. I've heard _____ weather there is amazing!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) a
B) an
C) the

Blank 2

A) a
B) an
C) the

Blank 3

A) a
B) an
C) the

8. You're talking about your hobbies and a recent discovery. Select the correct option for each blank.

"I love _____ music—it helps me relax after work. Yesterday, I found _____ great playlist online. _____ playlist has over 100 songs!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) –
B) a
C) the
D) an

Blank 2

A) –
B) a
C) an

Blank 3

A) –
B) a
C) the

9. Your friend is describing people and places. Choose the correct articles based on how words *sound* (not how they're spelled!).

My professor is _____ honest person — she always tells the truth. She works at _____ university in London. Today _____ weather is perfect for a walk!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

10. You're describing your dinner last night. Select ALL the sentence pairs that correctly use articles for first mention (introducing something new) and second mention (referring back to it).

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I ordered a pizza. The pizza was delicious!
- **B)** I saw the waiter. A waiter brought our drinks.
- **C)** We tried a new dessert. The dessert had chocolate and strawberries.
- **D)** She asked for the menu. A menu had many options.
- **E)** There was an interesting dish on the menu. The dish was from Thailand.

11. You're chatting about your morning habits. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

"I drink ___ coffee every morning — I can't wake up without it!"

Select one.

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

12. Oops! One of these sentences has an article mistake. Can you spot it?

Which sentence contains an error?

Select one.

- **A)** I need an umbrella for the rain.
- **B)** She bought a honest gift for her mom.
- **C)** We waited for an hour at the café.
- **D)** He wants to be a university professor.

13. Your friend is describing their dream vacation. Choose the correct article to complete the sentence.

"I'd love to visit ___ European city like Paris or Rome someday."

Select one.

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

14. You're chatting with a friend about your morning shopping trip. Select the correct option for each blank.

"I forgot my umbrella at home, so I bought _____ umbrella at the store. It was _____ honest mistake—I always forget things when I'm rushing!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

A) a
B) an
C) the