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Articles Bootcamp for Romance Language Speakers: a, the, and Zero Article

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Adjective | Article | Comparative and superlative | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Noun | Present tense | Relative clause | Simple tense

1. Complete the dramatic philosopher's coffee shop rant by choosing the correct option for each blank. Choose "(none)" when no article is needed (zero article).

He stared at his espresso and sighed, claiming that _____ time is merely an illusion, though he admitted that _____ time he spent waiting for his latte was painfully real.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) the
B) (none)
C) a

Blank 2

A) the
B) (none)
C) a

2. Help the dramatic teenager finish the opening line of her slam poetry performance. Choose the correct word.

"They say that ___ is blind, but I think it just needs a really good pair of glasses."

Select one.

A) the love
B) a love
C) love
D) an love

3. Help the mad scientist complete his lab notes by choosing the correct article for each blank. Choose "(none)" when no article is needed (zero article).

The mad scientist noted that _____ robots generally lack a sense of humor, but _____ robots in his basement won't stop laughing at his new haircut.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) the
B) (none)
C) some

Blank 2

A) the
B) (none)
C) some

4. Select the correct phrase to complete the food critic's scathing restaurant review.

"I usually love Italian food, but ___ they served us tonight tasted like salted cardboard!"

Select one.

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

5. Help the alien anthropologist complete its field report on human behavior by choosing the correct articles.

Day 42 on Earth: I have learned much about my human host. He is _____ teacher at a local high school. He tells me constantly that _____ patience is absolutely essential for his job. Despite his daily exhaustion, he firmly believes that _____ teenagers are deeply misunderstood creatures who just need guidance.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

6. Help the undercover agent introduce himself convincingly at the supervillain's gala. Choose the correct option.

"Good evening. I am ___ marine biologist, and I'm very interested in your shark tanks."

Select one.

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

7. Help the hopeful romantic fix their slightly unhinged dating app bio by choosing the correct articles.

Hi there! I'm an adventurous soul who loves spending time in _____ nature. On weekends, though, my favorite hobby is staying in _____ bed until noon. I'm looking for a partner who works hard but doesn't take _____ work too seriously. If you enjoy eating pizza and watching _____ romantic comedies, swipe right!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

Blank 4

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

8. Complete the tired roommate's text message about their new living situation.

"I read online that ___ sleep for 15 hours a day, but mine just runs around at 3 AM knocking things off the counter!"

Select one.

- **A)** the cats
- **B)** cats
- **C)** a cats
- **D)** some of cats

9. Help the narrator describe Gary's unusual career path by choosing the correct article for each blank. Choose "(none)" when no article is needed (zero article).

After failing to become _____ professional wizard, Gary settled for being _____ worst birthday entertainer in town.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** (none)

Blank 2

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** (none)

10. Complete the dramatic food critic's latest restaurant review by selecting the correct articles for each gap.

They say that _____ butter makes everything better. I generally agree with this philosophy. However, _____ butter they served with the bread tonight was frozen solid! It completely ruined the appetizer. Honestly, _____ life is simply too short to eat bad dairy products at a five-star restaurant.

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

11. A busy international student is organizing her weekly schedule of hobbies and classes. Help her fix her planner! Select ALL the sentences that correctly use (or omit) articles.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I play tennis with my friends every Friday.
- **B)** I play the tennis with my friends every Friday.
- **C)** Spanish is a beautiful language to learn.
- **D)** The Spanish is a beautiful language to learn.
- **E)** We usually have our study group meetings on Mondays.
- **F)** We usually have our study group meetings on the Mondays.