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# Specific Uses of the Definite Article

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Article | Determiner | English Grammar Basics

**1.** Help the fantasy novelist choose ALL the sentences that correctly describe the kingdom's social classes using "the".

*Select all that apply.*

- **A)** In this realm, the wealthy live in floating castles while the poor dwell in the caves below.
- **B)** The braves are chosen to defend the crystal bridge against the dragons.
- **C)** The elderly are highly respected for their knowledge of ancient spells.
- **D)** The poors must pay a heavy tax in enchanted gemstones.

**2.** Finish the enthusiastic travel blogger's latest itinerary update by choosing the correct articles.

"This year, I'm heading to _____ Republic of Ireland, which is supposed to be _____ greenest place on Earth. After that, I'm catching a direct flight to _____ Spain for some much-needed sunshine!"

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**3.** Help the confused alien tourist complete their postcard home to Mars by selecting the correct article for each gap.

"Greetings! Today, we flew our saucer over _____ Pacific Ocean, took a quick selfie near _____ Alps, and parked our ship right next to _____ Mount Fuji."

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**4.** Complete the alien exchange student's diary entry about fitting in at a human high school.

Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

To appear perfectly normal to the earthlings, I have decided to learn how to play _____ in the school's jazz band.

*Select one.*

- **A)** saxophone
- **B)** a saxophone
- **C)** the saxophone
- **D)** some saxophone

**5.** Complete the quirky historian's notes about a highly unusual Victorian gentleman.

"Professor Higgins not only played _____ piano with incredible skill, but he also loudly claimed to have invented _____ telephone. Unfortunately, his habit of eating _____ explosive apple for breakfast cut his brilliant career short."

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**6.** Help the overly ambitious travel blogger complete their itinerary by choosing the correct word for each blank.

I plan to sail across _____ Atlantic Ocean in a bathtub, climb _____ randomly selected tall mountain, and finally learn to play _____ ukulele with my toes.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

- **A)** some
- **B)** one
- **C)** the

**7.** Help the travel blogger select ALL the grammatically correct sentences for her upcoming itinerary.

*Select all that apply.*

- **A)** I plan to spend two weeks exploring the Philippines before flying to Japan.
- **B)** We will hike across the Mount Everest and sail across Atlantic Ocean.
- **C)** After visiting the Netherlands, we'll take a train down to Italy.
- **D)** Our final stop is the Lake Victoria, where we hope to see flamingos.

**8.** Complete the historian's sarcastic notes about medieval society by choosing the correct word for each gap.

In medieval society, _____ wealthy wore shoes with impossibly long toes, while _____ regular peasant just wore mud. It was absolutely _____ most ridiculous period in fashion history.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**9.** Help the travel blogger select ALL the grammatically correct sentences for her upcoming itinerary.

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**10.** Help the alien spy finish their field report to headquarters by choosing the correct words to complete the observations.

Humans love staring at _____ moon at night, and on weekends, they flock to _____ cinema to watch colorful explosions. I have even seen them talk to _____ random stray cat as if it were their supreme leader.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

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

**Blank 2**

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

**Blank 3**

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

**11.** Select ALL the plaques that the quirky museum curator has written with perfect grammar.

*Select all that apply.*

- **A)** Before the invention of the telephone, gossiping required a lot more walking.
- **B)** It takes years of practice to master the violin, but only seconds to annoy your neighbors with it.
- **C)** Alexander Graham Bell invented telephone in 1876.
- **D)** Our founder loved playing flute while riding a unicycle.

**12.** Help a modern-day Robin Hood finish his rather dramatic TED Talk introduction.

Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

"My philosophy is simple, folks: we must take from the greedy corporations and give to _____."

*Select one.*

- **A)** poor
- **B)** a poor
- **C)** the poors
- **D)** the poor