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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. The cruise company's new brochure has some article mistakes. Help the editor select ALL the sentences that are correct.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** On day one, our ship sails down the Danube.
- **B)** On day three, we relax on the Canary Islands.
- **C)** On day five, we stop in the Sicily, a beautiful island.
- **D)** The trip ends with a camel ride across Sahara.
- **E)** Then we fly home over Africa.

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.

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.

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