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Basics. Articles with Institutions: The vs. No Article

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Article | Determiner | Noun

1. Complete the village gossip's diary entry by choosing the correct word for each blank.

Every Sunday, Mrs. Higgins goes to _____ church to sing loudly and off-key in the choir. On Monday morning, a local carpenter went to _____ church to fix the stained-glass window she accidentally broke with her high notes.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

2. Listen to the neighborhood gossip! Select ALL the sentences that correctly use articles to talk about the local school.

Select all that apply.

A) My son started school last week, and he already loves his teacher!
B) The parents are painting the school this weekend to help out.
C) My son started the school last week, and he already loves his teacher!
D) The parents are painting school this weekend to help out.

3. Help the confused plumber complete his text message to his boss.

I'm standing outside ___ school right now, but I can't find the leaking pipe you told me to fix!

Select one.

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

4. Read this exhausted parent's text message to a friend and choose the right words.

Little Timmy goes to _____ every weekday to learn, but he always forgets his lunch!
This morning, I had to drive back to _____ in my pajamas just to drop off his sandwich.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) school
B) the school
C) a school

Blank 2

A) school
B) the school
C) a school

5. Help the college counselor complete her notes by choosing the appropriate article for each gap.

Since Brenda started studying at _____ university, she has been thoroughly enjoying her independence. However, her overprotective mother marched into _____ university last week to complain about the cafeteria food!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

6. Help Detective Miller complete his case notes about the notorious art thief.

After a long trial, the infamous jewel thief was finally sent to _____ for ten years.
Yesterday, I drove to _____ to interview him about the missing diamonds, but he refused to talk.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) prison
B) the prison
C) a prison

Blank 2

A) prison
B) the prison
C) a prison

7. Complete the true crime podcast transcript by choosing the correct article for each blank.

After the great diamond heist, Arthur was sent to _____ prison for ten years. His loyal sidekick, Benny, drove to _____ prison every Sunday to bring him smuggled chocolate.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

8. Complete the news anchor's dramatic evening broadcast.

After the great diamond heist of 2020, the infamous cat burglar was finally caught and sent to ___ prison for ten years.

Select one.

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

9. Help the sleepy cat owner finish their online forum post.

I was absolutely exhausted and just wanted to go to _____, but my fluffy cat, Sir Paws, had other plans. He was sitting right in the middle of _____, glaring at me like I was an intruder in his kingdom!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

10. Choose the correct option to complete the proud alien mother's boast.

My son Zorg is incredibly smart; he starts ___ university next fall to study Earthling behavior!

Select one.

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

11. Help the local journalist proofread her crime report. Select ALL the sentences that use articles correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The notorious jewel thief was finally sent to prison for ten years.
- **B)** The repairmen drove to the prison to fix a broken security camera.
- **C)** The notorious jewel thief was finally sent to the prison for ten years.
- **D)** The repairmen drove to prison to fix a broken security camera.