

a	an	the	no article
indefinite article with <b>consonants</b> (b,c,b,f,g...z)	indefinite article with <b>vowels</b> (a,e,i,o,u)	definite article <i>regardless</i> whether the noun starts with a consonant or a vowel	-
<i>not</i> specifically known to the person you are speaking with	<i>not</i> specifically known to the person you are speaking with	specific object that <i>both</i> the speaker and the listener <i>know</i>	general things
singular nouns	singular nouns	plural nouns	uncountable nouns
-	-	collection of states in a country (The United States of America, The UK, The Irish Republic)	countries, states, counties, provinces, lakes, mountains
-	-	Multiple areas: The Philippines, The Netherlands, the British Isles	others: sports, meals, places, transport, rivers, oceans, seas
-	-	Geographical points in the globe (the North Pole, the equator)	-
-	-	one and only particular thing (the sun, the moon, the wind, the Buckingham Palace)	-

### Task 1

Choose the right articles to complete the following sentences in English. If it isn't necessary to use any articles, choose -.

- Coal is sixty dollars  ton at the moment.
- Do you like  wine? I don't drink  alcohol.
- Have you done  washing-up?
- Would like  cup of coffee?
- He gave me  diamond necklace.
- I like  tea with  milk in it.
- I saw her when she was going to  work.
- I stayed at home last night and listened to  radio.
- I think it's made of  glass.
- I think  guitar is one of the easiest instruments to play.
- I'll have  dozen eggs and  loaf, please.
- It's  fast car. Its top speed is 120 minutes  hour.

13. There's someone at  front door.
14. When he was nineteen, he joined  army.
15. Would mind waiting for  couple of minutes?

## Task 2

Choose the correct (and most natural-sounding) response to complete each sentence:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Swedish is a difficult language to learn.

- NO ARTICLE
- The
- A

2. \_\_\_\_\_ general's army attacked the city at night.

- NO ARTICLE
- The
- A

3. I like to play \_\_\_\_\_ basketball.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

4. My parents gave me \_\_\_\_\_ basketball for my birthday.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

5. She is \_\_\_\_\_ prettiest girl in the school.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

6. I have \_\_\_\_\_ idea! Let's go bowling.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- an

7. I have borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ money from her before.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

8. My first apartment was on \_\_\_\_\_ Orange Street.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- an

9. \_\_\_\_\_ dress she is wearing is blue.

- NO ARTICLE
- The
- A

10. He is \_\_\_\_\_ real gentleman.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

### Task 3

Choose the correct (and most natural-sounding) response to complete each sentence:

1. Q: What did you eat at the restaurant?

A: Oh, I didn't go out. I ate at \_\_\_\_\_ home.

- NO ARTICLE

- a
- the

2. Q: What did you buy at the mall?

A: I bought so many things! \_\_\_\_\_ sales were incredible!

- NO ARTICLE
- The
- A

3. Q: Does he always lie?

A: Yes, he does. He never tells \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

- the
- a
- NO ARTICLE

4. Q: Why did you punish your son?

A: We punished him because he told \_\_\_\_\_ lie.

- the
- NO ARTICLE
- a

5. Q: Which resort will you be staying at?

A: We'll be staying at \_\_\_\_\_ resort that's closest to the beach.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

6. Q: Why were you sleeping?

A: I was sleeping because I had \_\_\_\_\_ headache.

- the
- NO ARTICLE
- a

7. Q: Why don't you ask her to dance?

A: Me? I don't think so. You're \_\_\_\_\_ one who knows how to dance.

- the
- NO ARTICLE
- a

8. Q: Is he working?

A: No, he's on \_\_\_\_\_ vacation.

- NO ARTICLE
- a
- the

9. Q: Did you make the bed?

A: No, but I took out \_\_\_\_\_ garbage.

- an
- the
- NO ARTICLE

10. Q: Why do you watch so much \_\_\_\_\_ TV?

A: Because there are a lot of good shows on.

- the
- a
- NO ARTICLE

#### Task 4

Choose the correct (and most natural-sounding) response to complete each sentence with an idiom:

1. You have to carve out \_\_\_\_\_ niche for your business.

- the
- a
- NO ARTICLE

2. He struggled to come to \_\_\_\_\_ grips with recent events in his life.

- the
- a
- NO ARTICLE

3. Did he ask you to marry him? = Did he pop \_\_\_\_\_ question?

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

4. It's not very complicated. = It's not \_\_\_\_\_ rocket science.

- NO ARTICLE
- a
- the

5. Their business relationship is on \_\_\_\_\_ mend. (= improving)

- the
- a
- NO ARTICLE

6. You have to play by \_\_\_\_\_ rules if you want others to respect you.

- a
- NO ARTICLE
- the

7. She thought there were a legitimate business, but they took her for \_\_\_\_\_ ride.

- a
- NO ARTICLE
- the

8. They told this to me in \_\_\_\_\_ strict confidence.

- NO ARTICLE
- a
- the

9. He did it secretly. = He did it on \_\_\_\_\_ sly.

- NO ARTICLE
- the
- a

10. He was playing for \_\_\_\_\_ time. = He was procrastinating.

- a
- the
- NO ARTICLE

#### Task 5

Fill in each blank space with the proper article: **a**, **an**, or **the**.

At  beginning of  twentieth century, East Los Angeles became  popular immigrant destination. In  early 1900s, Russians, Jews, Japanese, and Mexicans all had  significant presence in  area. Living east of  river and working in nearby factories, or traveling by electric rail into downtown Los Angeles, immigrants and their children helped fuel  prosperity of  growing metropolis. By  onset of World War II, East Los Angeles had almost become  exclusively Latino community, soon reinforced by  influx of Mexican workers who arrived to man the machines in  area's burgeoning war industries.