

Unit 8

Grammar

1 Articles

Using articles correctly is very difficult, even for advanced learners. Here are some general guidelines.

We should ask: Do we know which one/ones the writer means?

Yes. Use 'the'.

*Did you bring **the money**? Did you enjoy **the film**? Please give me **the keys**.*

No. Use 'a/an' for singular countable nouns.

*He went to **a park**. Let's watch **a film**. Is there **a bank** near here?*

Use **no article** for plural nouns and uncountable nouns.

*She's afraid of **dogs**. She loves listening to **music**.*

2 Essay: A Day in the Life of a Dog

Complete the essay by writing articles (a, the or x for 'no article') in the short gaps, and words from the box in the longer gaps.

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My name is Snowy and I am ____ dog. I get up at about six o'clock in the morning. I eat ____ breakfast and _____. I go outside and play with a dog friend that lives next door. Sometimes we chase ____ cats. I don't eat lunch. My _____ father, Mark, eats three times ____ day, but he gives me two meals. He says I am too fat.

In the afternoon I sleep under ____ tree in our garden. The _____ of my day is going for ____ walk. When Mark gets home from ____ work, he takes me to our local park. We play with a ball or a Frisbee. We go back ____ home at six and eat dinner. Mark _____ gives me a bath in the _____. I go to sleep at about nine o'clock. I am very _____ that I have such a good life.