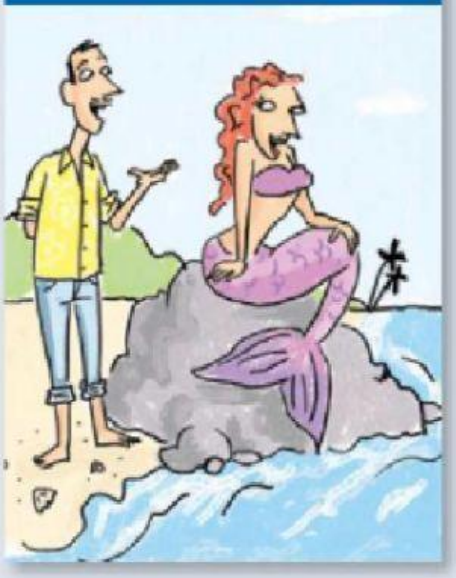
READING AND GRAMMAR

1 Complete the story with a, an, the, or put a dash (–) if no article is necessary.

The Treasure Hunter



(1) _____ poor treasure hunter was using (2) _____ metal detector to search for valuables on (3) _____ beach in (4) _____ Monaco. He had searched for hours but only found (5) _____ old rusty key. Tired and disappointed, he sat down to rest when he heard sounds of distress. (6) _____ cries were coming from (7) _____ cove close by. He waded into (8) _____ water and saw to his surprise that it was (9) _____ mermaid. Her tail was caught in (10) _____ discarded fishing net, and she could not free herself. When he rescued her, (11) _____ mermaid was so grateful she said, "Because you have saved me I will grant you (12) _____ one wish." He could not believe his luck. As he looked out into (13) _____ harbor, sounds of (14) _____ party were coming from (15) _____ largest yacht that he had ever seen. It belonged to (16) _____ successful millionaire businessman, (17) _____ richest man in Monaco. "I want everything (18) _____ owner of that yacht has!" he said.

"Go home, your wish has been granted," she said, and she dived into (19) _____ surf and disappeared.

He hurried home and, to his amazement, (20) _____ tiny shack he lived in had been transformed into (21) _____ mansion with (22) _____ garage full of (23) _____ expensive cars. As he approached, (24) _____ door opened and his wife came out, with (25) _____ huge smile on her face.

"Isn't it wonderful, my love?" (26) _____ man asked. "We are now very rich and can afford all (27) _____ things we ever wanted."

"Yes," she exclaimed. "Including (28) _____ zoo out back. We now have all (29) _____ animals we have ever wanted, including (30) _____ giraffe."

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2 Complete the list below with *the* or put a dash (-) if no article is necessary.

a **Mountain ranges:** the Alps, _____ Himalayas
b **Mountain summits:** _____ Mount Everest, _____ Mont Blanc
c **Continents:** _____ Europe, _____ Asia
d **Towns / cities:** _____ Prague, _____ Tokyo
e **Parks:** _____ South Park, _____ Hyde Park
f **Lakes:** _____ Lake Malawi, _____ Loch Ness
g **Streets:** _____ Baker Street, _____ Hollywood Boulevard
h **Months:** _____ January, _____ September
i **Oceans:** _____ Pacific Ocean, _____ Indian Ocean
j **Rivers:** _____ Nile, _____ Amazon
k **"of" phrases:** _____ Statue of Liberty, _____ Houses of Parliament

3 Complete the story with *a*, *an*, *the*, or put a dash (-) if no article is necessary.

(1) _____ elderly couple from (2) _____ USA were driving through (3) _____ Mexico and were approaching (4) _____ city named Oaxaca. They saw (5) _____ sign with (6) _____ name of (7) _____ city printed in (8) _____ capital letters: OAXACA. (9) _____ couple tried to figure out how to pronounce (10) _____ name - Wacks-acka? Oaks-acar? They kept trying as they drove into (11) _____ city. Since they were hungry, they pulled into (12) _____ place to get something to eat. At (13) _____ counter, (14) _____ man said to (15) _____ waitress: "My wife and I can't figure out how to pronounce (16) _____ name of this place. Could you tell us and say it very slowly so that we can understand?" (17) _____ waitress looked at (18) _____ him and said: "(19) _____ Buuurrrgerrr Kiiiinnnng."

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