

Articles and quantifiers

I can use articles and quantifiers.

1 Correct the mistakes with the bold articles in the text.



Photographer Ben Moon has made ^{an} ~~the~~ emotional short film about ^a ~~the~~ best friend he's ever had: ^{the} ~~a~~ dog called Denali. Denali was just two years old when Ben rescued him from an animal shelter. They spent nearly fifteen years together, travelling around ^{the} ~~a~~ United States in ^a ~~the~~ camper van, going to the beach and spending time with friends. And when Ben was getting over ^a ~~the~~ serious illness, Denali was constantly by his side, sleeping on his hospital bed. ^A ~~A~~ film won two awards at a festival in ^{the} ~~a~~ Colorado, and has taken the internet by storm with its moving story of the close friendship Ben and Denali shared for so long.

2 Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or *—* (no article).

- _____ film we just watched must be _____ worst I've seen!
- She works as _____ volunteer, helping _____ elderly.
- Although I don't generally like _____ cats, I like _____ one next door.
- Just put _____ shopping on _____ table over there, will you?
- We met _____ family from _____ Caribbean at the carnival.
- _____ first camping trip I went on wasn't in _____ Europe.
- My dad's got _____ new job, but _____ job is in another city.
- I've got _____ idea: why don't we get _____ takeaway later?

3 Choose the best option (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

- The forecast says there will be just _____ rain at the weekend.
a little b a little c a lot of
- _____ the best music I've heard is on this album.
a Some of b Both of c Several of
- The children didn't make _____ mess.
a all of b a lot of c much of
- _____ of my shirts needs washing!
a Every b Every one c All
- _____ drivers follow the new driving regulations.
a Some of b None c Few
- I wouldn't recommend _____ of the cafés in town.
a none b either c every one

4 Choose the option that is **not** possible in each sentence.

- _____ of these scarves would be a good present for Leo.
a Either b Both c Every
- _____ her friends was at home when she called.
a Every one of b None c None of
- There's _____ time before the next lesson begins.
a little b few c a little
- _____ of us agreed that the exercise was impossible.
a Every b Each c Every one
- Let's buy _____ these cakes for the picnic.
a both b a few of c several
- She organised _____ of her books into alphabetical order.
a every b all c every one
- _____ buddy movies are popular in the USA.
a Some b Many c A lot
- I know _____ people who are scared of snakes.
a several b a lot c many

5 Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two extra words.

a both few many no none of one

- It was a pretty boring party as there were so _____ people there.
- Dan got every _____ of the answers right in yesterday's homework.
- I only have _____ little cash – could you lend me some?
- She tried on five pairs of shoes, but _____ of them fitted.
- 'Would you prefer orange or apple juice?' 'I don't mind – I like _____ of them.'
- The forecast says there'll be _____ sunshine today.

6 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

In ¹ _____ recent survey, two thousand British men and women were asked about their friendships. ² _____ women turned out to be twice as good at making friends for life, with one in three saying that their best friend was someone they had met at school. In contrast, only one in six men were best friends with ³ _____ school friend. Although the men had between fifty and a hundred Facebook friends and fifty friends' numbers in their phones, they only had a ⁴ _____ close friends – on average, about five. ⁵ _____ sexes admitted that there was at least one person in their friendship group that they couldn't stand; although not quite as ⁶ _____ men as women confessed to this, it was still a surprising 13%! ⁷ _____ survey concluded that all ⁸ _____ us can expect to have fewer close friends as we get older, with only about three by the time we retire.