

Indefinite article: *a/an*

2 Saying what something or somebody is

What are these things?

- 1 A Dell is a computer.
- 2 Apple Macs and HPs are computers.
- 3 A Boeing 747 is a jet.
- 4 Jets and gliders are aircraft.
- 5 A Mini Cooper is a car.
- 6 BMWs and Toyotas are cars.
- 7 A Samsung Galaxy is a phone.
- 8 Motorola Droids and Apple iPhones are phones.

Who were these people?



- 9 Einstein was a scientist.
- 10 Newton and Pasteur were scientists.
- 11 Van Gogh was a painter.
- 12 Picasso and Monet were painters.
- 13 Charles Dickens was a writer.
- 14 Proust and Tolstoy were writers.

Put *a* or *an* into the gaps.

- 15 My daughter's an actor.
- 16 I'm a optimist.
- 17 Jane is a good painter.
- 18 Jack's a very interesting person.
- 19 When I was a child, I was afraid of dogs.
- 20 Peter's a bit of an idiot. He knows nothing.

Definite article: *the*

3 You know the one I mean

Complete the sentences with words from the boxes.

the environment	the sky	the beach
the government	the country	the future
the mountains	the weather	

- 1 We need to protect the environment. We pollute it daily.
- 2 I used to live in a country. Now I live in the city.
- 3 How many stars are there in the universe?
- 4 No one can see into the future. Who knows what will happen?
- 5 I love taking my kids to the beach. We go paddling and build sandcastles.
- 6 We go climbing in the mountains.
- 7 She's a federal employee. She works for the government.
- 8 People talk about the weather because our climate is fascinating.

the doctor	the post office	the door
the salt	the garden	the radio
the bathroom	the library	

- 9 That's a nasty cough. You should see the doctor.
- 10 Pass me a pepper. It's next to the pepper.
- 11 Close a window. It's freezing in here.
- 12 I go to a library once a week. I love books.
- 13 Let's sit in a chair. It's such a nice day.
- 14 I'm going to a post office. Do you want me to mail your letters?
- 15 "Where's Ana?"
"She's in a bathroom taking a shower."
- 16 I don't watch TV much, but I like listening to a radio.

the best student	the most delicious
the same	the first

- 17 Pablo is the best student in the class.
- 18 I'll have a pizza as you—cheese and tomato.
- 19 This is a time I've been in love.
- 20 That was a day ice cream I've ever had in my life.

No article

4 Things in general

1 Match a line in A with a line in B.

A	B
1 ☐ Apples ...	a is full of vitamins.
2 ☐ Fruit ...	b doesn't lead to happiness.
3 ☐ Bees ...	c grow on trees.
4 ☐ Money ...	d are stronger than women.
5 ☐ Men ...	e are less mature than girls.
6 ☐ Boys ...	f make honey.

2 Complete these English proverbs with a noun from the box.

beauty love variety time honesty crime

- 1 Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
- 2 is the best policy.
- 3 All's fair in and war.
- 4 is the spice of life.
- 5 doesn't pay.
- 6 heals all wounds.

3 Complete the sentences with a game or academic subject.

psychology biology poker chess

- 1 James is studying psychology at school.
- 2 is a game of strategy played on a black and white board.
- 3 is the study of plants and animals.
- 4 I love playing , but I hate losing money.

5 Article or no article?

Complete the sentences with *the* or *nothing* (-).

Everyday places



- 1 I go to school at 8:00. The school is in center of town.
- 2 My dad's at work. He teaches children and adults.
- 3 I'm going home now. I'm tired. I'll be at home tomorrow.
- 4 Good night. I'm going to bed now. Jane's in bed already.
- 5 My brother's studying Math at Indiana University. My sister's at University of Illinois.

Place names



- 6 We're staying at the Pierre Hotel on Fifth Avenue.
- 7 We can see Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Chrysler Building from our room.
- 8 We're going to eat at Palm Tree Restaurant. We used to go to Giovanni's Restaurant until it closed down.
- 9 I want to see Bronx Zoo, Guggenheim, and Grand Central Station.
- 10 Last year we went on vacation to Mediterranean. We met people from Mexico, Japan, and Middle East.

Meals



- 11 What did you have for lunch?
- 12 Where should we have dinner?
- 13 What time do you want breakfast?

Transportation



- 14 I usually go to work by bus, but this morning bus was late, so I missed my meeting.
- 15 I go everywhere by train. I never travel by plane. last plane I took was in 2003.

Nationalities



- 16 The French love food, but only French food.
- 17 Italian people have great style.
- 18 Mexicans are proud of their heritage.