

First Certificate Language Practice

Articles: A/An, The, -.

Read the theory and solve the activities.

Put *a/an* or *the* in each space, or leave the space blank.

- a) We went by / - train to *the* west of England.
- b) people who live in Netherlands are called Dutch.
- c) judge sent me to prison for ten years.
- d) Columbus was one of first people to cross Atlantic.
- e) As captain of ship, I have complete authority.
- f) David learned to play violin when he was at university.
- g) Trafalgar Square is near Charing Cross Station.
- h) Did you read book I lent you last week?
- i) We'll put up shelves and then go to cafe for something to eat.
- j) Is that present Bill gave you for Christmas?

Underline the most suitable phrase in each sentence.

- a) Is this *a person/the person* you told me about?
- b) This is *the only cinema/an only cinema* in the area.
- c) Philip has just bought *the Thames barge/a Thames barge*.
- d) I'm going to *the British Museum/British Museum* this afternoon.
- e) Are you going to *church/the church* on Sunday?
- f) Do you have *a milk jug/milk jug*?
- g) *The Prime Minister/Prime Minister* will give a speech this afternoon.
- h) *The computer/Computer* has already changed our lives dramatically.
- i) I haven't been to *an open-air theatre/open-air theatre* before.
- j) Here is *a thousand pounds/the thousand pounds* I owe you.

5 Put *a/an* or *the* in each space, or leave the space blank.

- a) Neil Armstrong made *the* first footprint on *the* Moon.
- b) There was accident yesterday at corner of street.
- c) I need time to think about offer you made me.
- d) recipe for success is hard work.
- e) people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
- f) worst part of living in a caravan is lack of space.
- g) book you ordered last week is now in stock.
- h) dancing is more interesting activity than reading.

- i) people we met on holiday in north of England sent us postcard.
 j) little knowledge is dangerous thing.

6 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- a) There is one problem here, and that's the weather.

only

The **only** **problem** **here** **is** the weather.

- b) There are no good films on this week.

cinema

There is nothing this week.

- c) Can't you swim faster than that?

fastest

Is can swim?

- d) I haven't been here before.

time

This is been here.

- e) A lot of wine is drunk in France.

French

The a lot of wine.

- f) If you drive faster, it is more dangerous.

the

The dangerous it is.

- g) It is difficult to discover what is true.

truth

The discover.

- h) Are you a good pianist?

piano

Can you well?

7 Underline the most suitable phrase in each sentence.

- a) I was *under an impression/under the impression* that you had left.
 b) I have to go. I'm *in a hurry/in hurry*.
 c) I managed to sell the old painting *at a profit/at profit*.
 d) I think I prefer the other restaurant *on the whole/on whole*.
 e) How many hours do you work, *on average/on the average*, every week?
 f) I was *in pain/in a pain* after I twisted my ankle.
 g) Jack recovered from his accident and is now *out of danger/out of the danger*.
 h) Excuse me, but you're *in the way/in a way*.
 i) Sue felt seasick on *the cross-channel ferry/a cross the channel ferry*.
 j) The burglar hit me on *my back/of the neck/the back of my neck*.

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