

1 Complete the pairs of sentences with a different article (*the*, *a(n)* or *-*) for each sentence.

- 1 A Have you been to the cinema recently?
B Have you heard? There's a new cinema opening soon.
- 2 A Chloe often wears trousers to school.
B Chloe often wears trousers you gave her to school.
- 3 A Jess is not very interested in science.
B Jess's dad is a science teacher.
- 4 A Bruno is a little impatient this morning.
B Sometimes Bruno has a very little patience.
- 5 A Jörn stupidly dropped his phone in the ocean.
B The Pacific isn't a lake, it's a ocean!
- 6 A I want to change the furniture in my room.
B I'm going shopping for a furniture tomorrow.

2 Read the pairs of sentences and decide if they have a similar (S) or different (D) meaning.

- 1 A My sisters give me little help when I need it.
B My sisters give me a little help when I need it. D
- 2 A My friends and I use plenty of slang words.
B My friends and I use lots of slang words. S
- 3 A There were few good places to go cycling.
B There were a few good places to go cycling. S
- 4 A Do you want any chocolate?
B Do you want some chocolate? S
- 5 A Several passengers were stuck overnight at the airport.
B A large number of passengers were stuck overnight at the airport. S
- 6 A I've got some free time on Sunday.
B I've got plenty of free time on Sunday. S

3 Put a tick (✓) if the sentence is correct or a cross (✗) if it is incorrect. Underline the mistakes.

- 1 We saw a plenty of wild animals when we went to the USA. ✗
- 2 There were a few slang words that I didn't understand. ✓
- 3 I really like the animals but I can't have pet because I'm allergic to they. ✗
- 4 It's a lot of hot today. ✗
- 5 It rained all afternoon so the amusement park wasn't much fun. ✗
- 6 I spend many time playing video games – three hours per day. ✗

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 For this recipe you only need a small amount / number of sugar.
- 2 Sadly, there are *few* / *a few* opportunities for people like me.
- 3 They can afford it! They've got *plenty of* / *a few* money.
- 4 A large *number* / *amount* of people watched my presentation.
- 5 I had *a little* / *little* to lose, so I just tried my best, and I won!
- 6 In the end I didn't have *some* / *any* problems translating it.

5 ~~Cross out~~ the incorrect determiners in the text. Sometimes both options are correct.

Recently, ¹~~the~~ / *a few* people have told me that they have ²*a few* / *little* problems understanding me when I speak. That's because, a couple of weeks ago I started wearing ³*a* / *the* brace on my teeth. It's not ⁴~~the~~ / – most comfortable thing in ⁵~~the~~ / *a* world, I admit, but ⁶*a large number of* / *plenty of* teenagers, like myself, have to wear one to straighten their teeth. It took ⁷*a little* / *a few* time to get used to. At the beginning, it was ⁸*a lot of* / *a bit* painful, but now, after two weeks, it's causing me very ⁹*little* / *many* discomfort. ¹⁰~~The~~ / *a* only problem is that my 's's' sound ¹¹*a bit* / *a little* funny!