The definite article and zero article

2 > Complete the sentences with *the* where necessary.

Do you play ___the___ guitar?

Do you play ___–___ tennis?

1 Have you ever been to ..... Caribbean?

2 It was light at four o'clock in ..... morning.

3 We spoke ..... English most of the time.

4 Did you go by ..... train?

5 Let's go to ..... Plaza Cinema. It's more comfortable than ..... Empire.

6 Do you ever watch ..... foreign films?

7 Why did she leave ..... home?

8 Did you visit ..... Pyramids when you were in Egypt?

9 Do you study ..... music at school?

10 ..... landslide which followed the storm did a lot of damage.

11 We had ..... vegetable curry and ..... rice. ..... curry was good but ..... rice was cold.

12 ..... North Star was really bright last night. It was ..... brightest star in ..... sky.

Definite, indefinite and zero articles

4 > Complete the newspaper article with *the* or *a/an* where necessary.

Mobile phone saves girl

A TEENAGE DRIVER called 999 on her mobile phone as she lay injured after ___a___ car accident. [1]..... call saved her life.

On Tuesday, eighteen-year-old Rachel Edwards went out for [2]..... drive in [3]..... early evening after [4]..... row with her boyfriend. She lost control of [5]..... car on [6]..... coast road at Whitesand Bay in South Cornwall and went over [7]..... edge of [8]..... cliff.

As [9]..... car rolled down [10]..... cliff, Rachel managed to jump out. Somehow, she still had her handbag with her, and inside [11]..... handbag was her mobile phone. She called 999 and very soon [12]..... helicopter was on its way to rescue her.

'[13]..... first thing we saw was [14]..... car at [15]..... bottom of [16]..... cliff,' said [17]..... helicopter pilot. 'We then saw Miss Edwards further up [18]..... cliff, unable to move. [19]..... sea was coming in fast. We didn't have much time. When we lifted Rachel to [20]..... safety, [21]..... water was about a metre from her car.'

[22]..... helicopter flew to [23]..... Roborough Airport. From there, [24]..... ambulance took Rachel to Derriford Hospital, where she is now recovering.

'We knew nothing until [25]..... police contacted us,' said Rachel's father. 'She has had [26]..... luckiest escape of anyone I've ever known.' Mr Edwards was full of [27]..... admiration for [28]..... emergency services.

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