

ARTICLES

1 Read the rules and put examples in the correct place

- 1 with a guide
- 2 a huge anaconda snake
- 3 The snake was very hungry
- 4 in the Amazon in Peru
- 5 tropical birds
- 6 in Peru

RULES

- 1 Use *a/an* before singular nouns: *I travelled on a boat.*
Use *a/an* the first time we mention the thing/person:
a) _____
Use *a/an* before job titles (in general): b) _____
- 2 Use *the* before nouns when there's only one: *the Moon*
Use *the* before the names of some places: c) _____
Use *the* if we have already mentioned the thing/person (the listener knows which one): d) _____
Use *the* in some phrases with prepositions: *on the first day, in the wild, on the left*
- 3 Use no article before most cities, countries and continents: *I was on a trip in Argentina.* e) _____
Use no article before plural nouns: *covered in mosquitoes*
Use no article to talk about general types or groups of things: f) _____
Use no article in some phrases with prepositions: *for lunch, for months, on one occasion, at night, in class*

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Underline the correct alternative

- 1 Many people are frightened of *a/an/the/-* spiders.
- 2 I had a pet cat which I loved, but *a/an/the/-* cat didn't like me!
- 3 *A/An/The/-* vegetarians are people who don't eat meat.
- 4 The blue whale is *a/an/the/-* heaviest animal in the world.
- 5 We heard that there is *a/an/the/-* new gorilla in the zoo.
- 6 *A/An/The/-* bats drink blood.
- 7 There is *a/an/the/-* elephant that lived to the age of seventy-eight.
- 8 The mammal that sleeps *a/an/the/-* longest is the barrow ground squirrel.
- 9 We saw *a/an/the/-* eagle when we were in Namibia.
- 10 She used to work at Animals4U before *a/an/the/-* shop closed down.

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Complete the text with *a*, *the* or *-* (no article)

(e) ✓ (x) (T) (C) (E) (Copy)

When I was ten, my father took me camping for the first time in ¹ _____ Michigan, USA. He wanted to teach me about wild animals, insects and trees.

We enjoyed the first two days together walking and fishing. Then ² _____ my uncles came with ³ _____ bows and arrows to go hunting.

One evening we were sitting by the fire when ⁴ _____ bird flew over us. Immediately my uncles jumped up and fired their arrows at ⁵ _____ bird. All of them missed. But suddenly the arrows were flying down at us from ⁶ _____ sky. There were arrows everywhere – they looked like rain! We ran to escape them and fortunately no one was injured.

That day I didn't learn anything about ⁷ _____ animals or insects or trees, but I learnt ⁸ _____ great lesson about gravity!

