Unit 8

Grammar

1 Articles

Using articles correctly is very difficult, even for advanced learners. Here are some general guidelines.

We should ask: Do we know which one/ones the writer means?

Yes. Use '**the**'.

Did you bring ***the money****? Did you enjoy* ***the film****? Please give me* ***the keys****.*

No. Use '**a/an**' for singular countable nouns.

He went to ***a park****. Let's watch* ***a film****. Is there* ***a bank*** *near here?*

Use **no article** for plural nouns and uncountable nouns.

She's afraid of ***dogs****. She loves listening to* ***music****.*

2 Essay: A Day in the Life of a Dog

Complete the essay by writing articles (*a*, *the* or *x* for 'no article') in the short gaps, and words from the box in the longer gaps.

grateful	then	sometimes	highlight	evening	human

My name is Snowy and I am _____ dog. I get up at about six o'clock in the morning. I eat _____ breakfast and _____ I go outside and play with a dog friend that lives next door. Sometimes we chase _____ cats. I don't eat lunch. My _____ father, Mark, eats three times _____ day, but he gives me two meals. He says I am too fat.

In the afternoon I sleep under _____ tree in our garden. The _____ of my day is going for _____ walk. When Mark gets home from _____ work, he takes me to our local park. We play with a ball or a Frisbee. We go back _____ home at six and eat dinner. Mark _____ gives me a bath in the _____. I go to sleep at about nine o'clock. I am very _____ that I have such a good life.

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