

- Trước tên núi, sông, quần đảo, vịnh, biển, đại dương, tên sách, báo và tên các chiếc tàu.

E.g:

The Thai Binh river; the Times; the Pacific Ocean, the Sahara

- Trước vùng, miền địa lý, nhưng không phải các châu lục

E.g:

The Middle East; The Orient (but) Europe; Asia

- Trước tên các lĩnh vực học thuật khi chúng có chứa "of"

E.g:

The history of the United States

- Trước tên các cuộc chiến tranh

E.g:

The war of Independence; the civil war; the second World War (but World War II)

- Trước một tính từ để tạo nên danh từ chung chỉ nhóm người

E.g:

The rich are not always happy.

The Japanese work very hard.

- Trước danh từ riêng số nhiều để chỉ vợ chồng hay cả họ (cả gia đình)

E.g:

The Smiths always go fishing at the weekend.

2. Mạo từ bất định A/An

- "A" đứng trước một phụ âm hoặc một nguyên âm có phiên âm là phụ âm:

+ a girl; a game; a boat; a book

+ a university /a.ju:ni'vɜ:səti/; a European /a.jʊərə'pi:ən/; a one-parent family; a year /a.jɪə /

- "An" đứng trước một nguyên âm hoặc một âm câm (U, E, O, A, I):

+ an orange; an umbrella; an egg

+ an hour /an 'aʊər /; an honest child /an 'ɒnɪst tʃaɪld /; an honour /an 'ɑ:nər /

- "An" đứng trước các mẫu ký tự đặc biệt đọc như một nguyên âm bắt đầu với A, E, F, H, I, L, M, N, O, R, S, X:

+ an MP /an ,em 'pi: /; an SOS /an ,es əʊ 'es /; an X-ray /an 'eks reɪ /; an MSC /an ,em es 'si: /

❖ Một số quy tắc

Chúng ta dùng **a/an**:

- Trước danh từ đếm được số ít với nghĩa là 1

E.g:

We need a microcomputer/chair/pen.

- Giới thiệu về một ai hay vật gì chung chung, không cụ thể hoặc chưa được đề cập trước đó

E.g:

I saw a snake.

- Khi nói về nghề nghiệp

E.g:

He is an engineer.

- Trong các cụm thành ngữ chỉ số lượng

E.g:

A dozen; a couple; a third; a hundred; a lot of;...

- Mang nghĩa là "per"

E.g:

Three times a year; \$ 10 a day

- Trong câu cảm thán với danh từ đếm được số ít

E.g:

What a pretty girl!

- "A" có thể được đặt trước Mr/Mrs/Miss + Surname

E.g:

A Mr. Smith a Mrs. Smith a Miss. Smith

A Mr. Smith mang nghĩa một người đàn ông được gọi là Smith và ngụ ý rằng anh ấy là một người lạ với người nói.

Mr. Smith, không có "a", ngụ ý rằng người nói biết Mr. Smith hoặc biết về sự tồn tại của anh ấy.

■ BÀI TẬP VẬN DỤNG CƠ BẢN

Bài 6: Fill in the blank with the suitable article: a, an, the or x (no article).

1. Are you coming to _____ party next Sunday?
2. I bought _____ new TV set yesterday.
3. I think _____ man over there is very ill. He can't stand on his feet.
4. I watched _____ video you had sent me.
5. She was wearing _____ ugly dress when she met him.
6. I am crazy about reading _____ history books.
7. She is _____ beautiful girl.
8. Do you want to go to _____ cinema where we first met?
9. He is _____ engineer.
10. He thinks that _____ love is what will save us all.
11. I like _____ blue T-shirt over there better than _____ red one.
12. Their car does 150 miles _____ hour.
13. Where's _____ USB drive I lent you last week?
14. Do you still live in _____ Ho Chi Minh City?
15. Is your mother working in old office building?
16. Tim's father works as _____ electrician.
17. The tomatoes are 99 pence _____ kilo.
18. What do you usually have for _____ breakfast?
19. Mike has _____ terrible headache.
20. After this tour you have _____ whole afternoon free to explore the city.

Bài 7: Fill in the bank with a/an, the or x if it isn't necessary to use any article.

1. He is _____ very nice man.
2. They are _____ brave girls.
3. _____ farmhouses in my village were rather poor.
4. He told me _____ story of his life.
5. This is _____ good example.
6. _____ roof of _____ house was on fire.
7. We are _____ students.
8. Those were _____ interesting books.
9. Look at _____ top of that tree.
10. I am _____ good sailor.
11. _____ frame of that picture is broken.
12. John has become _____ driver.
13. It was _____ very long way to go.
14. We stopped at _____ door of his hut.
15. _____ cover of my English book is green.
16. Mark and Peter were _____ good sportsmen.
17. _____ last days of my stay in London were the most interesting.
18. She was _____ good actress.
19. This _____ exception.
20. _____ banks of _____ river were very steep.

Bài 8: Correct the following sentences, adding articles where necessary.

1. Do English drink tea or coffee for breakfast?
2. We returned from two-week holiday in Philippines and Indonesia.
3. During the rush hour in Hanoi, it's more convenient to travel by motorbike than to take taxi.
4. We had great time in USA last summer.
5. Tim decided to become soldier so that he could fight for his country.

Bài 9: Complete the text by using A, AN, THE or (x) for "no article" for each blank.

I just received a postcard from (1) _____ Smiths, a family I met last year. It made me start thinking: When was (2) _____ last time I actually sent (3) _____ letter or (4) _____ postcard to someone? It's strange, (5) _____ postal service has been part of (6) _____ daily life for (7) _____ centuries. And suddenly, within (8) _____ single generation, (9) _____ postal system is on its way to becoming (10) _____ thing of (11) _____ past. These days, (12) _____ few people send (13) _____ letters.

Today, (14) _____ email is (15) _____ far more common way to communicate with (16) _____ friends and (17) _____ family. It's also (18) _____ faster and cheaper way to communicate. When I send (19) _____ email to (20) _____ friend in (21) _____ distant country, (22) _____ friend will receive (23) _____ email almost immediately. What's more, I have the ability to attach (24) _____ photograph, (25) _____ video, or (26) _____ MP3. And I don't even have to buy (27) _____

expensive stamp. But (28) _____ world is changing quickly. In (29) _____ decade or two, we might all be using (30) _____ totally different kind of technology to communicate.

■ BÀI TẬP TỔNG HỢP NÂNG CAO

Bài 10: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences.

1. We _____ to the hospital to visit Tom when he _____ to say that he was fine.
A. were driving - was calling B. drove-called
C. were driving - called D. drove-was calling
2. What _____ to you last Sunday?
A. happen B. happened C. was happening D. would happen
3. Last night, we _____ for you for ages but you never _____ up.
A. waited - showed B. would wait - showed
C. were waiting - were showing D. waited - was showing
4. We _____ dinner when the light _____ off.
A. had-went B. were having-went
C. had been having - went D. have had - would have go
5. I _____ out last night but at the last minute I _____ that I had an English test this morning.
A. was going to go - realized B. went - realized
C. had gone - would realize D. would go - have realized
6. Who is _____ girl over there with Tom?
A. the B. a C. an D. Ø
7. The director needs an assistant with good knowledge of foreign affairs.
A. a B. the C. any D. Ø
8. What _____ terrible weather! Normally _____ weather in the UK is not so bad.
A. the-the B. a-the C. Ø-the D. the-a
9. After a busy day, I went to _____ bed and had _____ most beautiful dream ever.
A. the - the B. a - the C. a - a D. Ø - the
10. She has visited _____ Portugal but she has never been to _____ Netherlands.
A. the-the B. Ø-the C. a - the D. a - a

Bài 11: Choose the underlined part that needs correction.

1. Last month, when my friend (A) was traveling around London by (B) the car, he crashed (C) the car into (D) a tree.
2. When she (A) was walking to (B) the library to borrow (C) some books, she (D) was seeing a robbery.
3. (A) The biggest problem with eating too (B) much sugar is (C) that it can cause (D) the diabetes.
4. (A) The most people need (B) to have a healthy diet and (C) do exercise (D) every day.
5. Last night, suddenly my mother (A) was deciding to prevent me from using (B) the Internet so we (C) ended up having (D) a quarrel.

Bài 12: Fill in the blank with A, AN, THE or (x) for "no article" for each blank.

1. What's _____ longest river in _____ world? Is it _____ Amazon or _____ Nile? I'm terrible at _____ geography.
2. In 1824, Louis Braille developed _____ system of writing for _____ blind. Quickly, _____ system, known as "Braille" after _____ inventor, spread from _____ France to dozens of _____ countries.
3. Because she did not speak _____ English, she had _____ little chance of advancing her career, so she applied for _____ year-long English course at _____ Cambridge University.
4. Tim loves islands. He has been to _____ Cuba, _____ Bali, _____ Bahamas, and _____ Philippines. And _____ next year, he wants to go to _____ Madagascar.
5. Jenifer always says that _____ patience is _____ virtue, but she is _____ least patient person I've ever met. Don't you think that's _____ little ironic?
6. Every year, _____ Smiths go camping in _____ Yellowstone National Park. But _____ next year, they are going to visit Mr. Smith's mother in _____ South instead.
7. Wow, _____ cheese is getting so expensive! Look, that cheese costs more than \$50 _____ pound.

