

EXERCISE 4 GENERIC NOUNS

GRAMMAR NOTE 5 Write two sentences about each noun, using the correct forms of the words given. In sentence *a*, use zero article + the plural. In sentence *b*, use the definite article. Add necessary articles and prepositions along with the word *that*.

1. Mountain gorilla

- a. Mountain gorillas are great apes that inhabit forest areas in three central African countries.
(be / great ape / inhabit forest areas in three central African countries)
- b. The mountain gorilla is a critically endangered species.
(be / critically endangered species)

2. African elephant

- a. _____
(be / very large mammal / inhabit forests, woodlands, and desert areas in many parts of Africa)
- b. _____
(be / endangered species)

3. California condor

- a. _____
(be / very large land bird / became extinct in the wild in 1987)
- b. _____
(be / critically endangered species)

4. wheel

- a. _____
(be / circular device / turn around a central point)
- b. _____
(be / invented 5,000 to 6,000 years ago)

5. telephone

- a. _____
(be / communication device / convert sound signals into waves)
- b. _____
(be / invented in 1878 by Alexander Graham Bell)

6. guitar

- a. _____
(be / stringed instrument / typically have six strings)
- b. _____
(be / invented in the 1400s in Spain)

7. clarinet

- a. _____
(be / woodwind instrument / use reeds)
- b. _____
(be / invented around 1700 in Europe)

8. library

- a. _____
(be / place / lend people books to read)
- b. _____
(be / important institution in every town or city)

9. eye

- a. _____
(be / part of the body / allow us to see)
- b. _____
(be / vulnerable to injury)