THE ARTICLE: A/AN or THE

a/an

We use A/An when:
- we are talking about something/someone not mentioned before.
"A man and a woman came to see you this morning."
- we are not referring to a particular thing:
"I'm looking for a job" (not a particular job)
- we talk about jobs: *"He's a doctor"*
- we use the expressions: "once a week, twice a day, £12 a kilo… *"I practise karate three times a month"*
- we refer to what kind of thing something is: *"The sun is a star"* (one of many)

the

We use THE:
- when we talk about a particular thing: "*The man who came yesterday is here again"*
- when it is clear in the situation which person or thing we are referring to: *"Turn on the light" "We should clean the carpet"*
- when we talk about the usual people or places: *"I'll visit the doctor"* (my usual doctor). *"I'm going to the post office"*
- with "*school" "hospital" "jail"* … when we go to visit. "*I went to the hospital to visit Joe*"
- when there is only one of something: *"Madrid is the capital of Spain"*
- with: **sky, sea, ground, country, environment, same, space** (when we refer to a specific space, not the universe)
"Look at those clouds in the sky" "The space is too small for another bed"
- with ***go to***: **the cinema, the theatre, the radio, the opera**…

complete and match

a) Joe has bought ___ice cream. _____ice cream tastes delicious. Vanilla is his favourite flavour.
b) Mark's mother has bought him _____new pair of shoes. _____new shoes are really comfortable.
c) We have been to _____hospital to visit Pete. He has broken his leg.
d) Benjamin is reading _____book his teacher recommended him to read.
e) Ann has gone to do _____shopping. She goes shopping once _____week and she always buys _____same products.
f) Michael's team has won _____running competition.
g) Diane has got many sweets in her bag. _____ bag is almost full.
h) Tom has to take _____ awful medicine today.



more activities!

1. Put *the, a/an* where necessary:

a) Susan lives in small town in country.
_____
b) Earth goes around sun
_____
c) President of United States is Barack Obama.
_____
d) We do same things every day!
_____
e) We can go to cinema to watch film.
_____
f) Jane is looking for new job.
_____
g) Can you turn off television, please?
_____
h) Woman came to see you yesterday. I had never seen her before.
_____
i) We have to protect environment.
_____
j) I went to school to see my son's teacher _____
k) We went to nice restaurant in Rome.
_____
l) London is capital of England.
_____
m) He has got new car. Car is red
_____
n) She's teacher. _____
m) He's listening to radio
_____

2. **Choose the correct article**:

a) We went to _____ museum in Poland. I don't remember which one.
b) _____ first lady visited _____ hospital yesterday morning.
c) There's _____ post office at _____ end of the street.
d) I'm going to _____ supermarket.
e) _____ architect is someone who designs buildings.
f) How often do you listen to _____ radio?
g) He's bought _____ new television.
h) There's _____ space between us, come and sit!
i) We saw something strange in _____ sky and we called _____ police.
j) _____ police officer who arrested the thieves is now a hero.
k) We visited _____ hospital where Joe was taken after the accident.
l) _____ hotel where we stayed in Galway was _____ very nice place.
m) We have arrived at _____ same time.
n) _____ exam was so difficult that I think I'll fail it.
o) We went to _____ concert on Friday. I didn't know any of the groups playing.
p) Does he live in _____ country?
q) We can turn on _____ light now.
r) Pass me _____ salt, please.

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