

**Read the rules and do the exercise below.**

## ARTICLES

<b>a / an</b>	<b>the</b>	<b>No article</b>
<b>1) with countable nouns in the singular in a general sense:</b> A man and a boy are on a bus.	<b>1) with the words when it is clear which thing we mean:</b> He is in the garden.	<b>1) with uncountable nouns:</b> We bought bread, milk, cheese and meat.
<b>2) 'a/an' is used for the first mention of an item, followed by "the" for the second mention of the item:</b> They took a train to Reno. The train was very clean and comfortable.		<b>2) with meals:</b> I had a sandwich for breakfast. She has lunch at school.
<b>3) with names of jobs:</b> He is an artist.	<b>3) with the adjectives in the superlative degree:</b> This is the nicest day in my life.	<b>3) with games and sports:</b> She plays tennis.
<b>4) with a predicate noun:</b> There is a table in the room. It was a nice trip.	<b>4) to refer to things that are unique:</b> the sun, the moon, the world	<b>4) with names of people:</b> Charles Dickens
<b>5) instead of 'one':</b> a hundred Wait a minute!	<b>5) with ordinal numerals:</b> on the second floor	<b>5) with the names of days and months:</b> on Monday in May
<b>6) instead of 'every' naming units of time:</b> We have 7 lessons a day.	<b>6) with musical instruments:</b> the piano, the guitar	<b>6) for general ideas:</b> I like pop music. Food is necessary.
<b>7) with 'few' and 'little' in the meaning 'some at least':</b> a few friends	<b>7) with adjectives, to refer to a whole group of people:</b> the Italians, the poor	<b>7) with names of languages and science:</b> Latvian, English, history <b>! but</b> the English language
<b>8) with 'piece / bar / bottle / cup / loaf / glass of' + uncountable noun:</b> a piece of cheese a bar of chocolate	<b>8) with decades, or groups of years:</b> John grew up in the sixties. Jazz became popular in the 1920's.	<b>7) in some expressions:</b> in case on foot by car / train from time to time in fact at hand at school at home at work go to bed / to hospital go home at midnight / at night on TV
<b>9) in some expressions:</b> half an hour it is a pity it is a shame as a result have a good time in a hurry for a long time to take a walk to go for a walk	<b>9) with 'only' in the meaning of 'vienīgais':</b> He is the only child in the family.	
	<b>10) with names denoting the whole family:</b> The Andersons moved to a new flat.	
	<b>11) with names of the parts of the day:</b> in the morning in the afternoon in the evening	
	<b>12) in some expressions:</b> at the moment by the way on the whole on the one hand on the other hand on the right / on the left on the radio	

## ARTICLES WITH GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

the	No article
<b>1) with the names of rivers, seas, oceans:</b> the Thames, the Baltic Sea, the Atlantic Ocean	<b>1) with the names of lakes:</b> Lake Burtnieku
<b>2) with mountain ranges:</b> the Alps	<b>2) mountains:</b> Elbrus, Mont Blanc
<b>3) with names of hotels, cinemas, theatres, museums:</b> the Grand Hotel, the Royal cinema, the National Gallery	<b>3) with names of towns, streets, squares, parks:</b> Riga, High Street, Trafalgar Square, Hyde Park <b>! but</b> the Hague / the High Street
<b>4) with names of the 4 cardinal points:</b> the North , the South, the East, the West	<b>4) with names of airports, castles, stations, universities:</b> Heatrow Airport Oxford University Edinburgh castle <b>! but</b> the Palace of Westminster
<b>5) countries in plural, kingdoms, unions, republics:</b> the Netherlands, the USA, the EU	<b>5) continent and countries:</b> France, Canada
<b>6) some bridges:</b> the Brooklyn Bridge the Golden Gate Bridge	<b>6) most bridges:</b> Tower Bridge London Bridge
<b>7) deserts:</b> the Sahara	
<b>8) names of ships:</b> the Titanic	

## Articles Exercise 1

Exercise based on the opening text in **Thanks a Million**.

Please complete the following exercise using **a/an/the/0 (no article)** in the underlined spaces where appropriate. Change capital letters to lower case letters at the beginning of a sentence if necessary.

Ms Parrot, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ most famous lady detective of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-first century, was born in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ United Kingdom in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 1960s. Since then, she has been to many countries, including (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Portugal, Singapore and Australia, and has lived in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ northern hemisphere and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ southern hemisphere, as well as on (8) \_\_\_\_\_ equator. She has never been to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Philippines or (10) \_\_\_\_\_ United States, but she speaks (11) \_\_\_\_\_ English, French and Portuguese. Like Sherlock Holmes, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ famous detective, she plays (13) \_\_\_\_\_ violin, and sometimes practises up to five times (14) \_\_\_\_\_ day. She is also (15) \_\_\_\_\_ only person in (16) \_\_\_\_\_ world to have performed Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture [a long piece of music] in one breath on (17) \_\_\_\_\_ recorder.

She has been (18) \_\_\_\_\_ detective for thirty years and claims that although many people think that being (19) \_\_\_\_\_ detective is (20) \_\_\_\_\_ piece of cake, detectives generally work very hard and it's not all fun and games. (21) \_\_\_\_\_ detective is someone who solves mysteries, and (22) \_\_\_\_\_ people who contact Ms Parrot have some very unusual problems. Little information is available about some of (23) \_\_\_\_\_ cases she has solved, but quite (24) \_\_\_\_\_ few of her most famous cases have attracted worldwide attention and she has been offered up to (25) \_\_\_\_\_ thousand dollars (26) \_\_\_\_\_ hour to help solve mysteries such as (27) \_\_\_\_\_ case of (28) \_\_\_\_\_ Australian owl in (29) \_\_\_\_\_ uniform. (30) \_\_\_\_\_ bird laid (31) \_\_\_\_\_ egg in (32) \_\_\_\_\_ European nest in less than (33) \_\_\_\_\_ hour after its arrival. What (34) \_\_\_\_\_ strange problem!

With great (35) \_\_\_\_\_ modesty, she has either declined such (36) \_\_\_\_\_ fee or donated (37) \_\_\_\_\_ money to (38) \_\_\_\_\_ poor, or to (39) \_\_\_\_\_ Grammar Survival Fund, believing that (40) \_\_\_\_\_ detective should use their skills for (41) \_\_\_\_\_ common good.