

## Indefinite article: *a/an*

### 2 Saying what something or somebody is

What are these things?

- 1 A Dell is a computer.
- 2 Apple Macs and HPs are computers.
- 3 A Boeing 747
- 4 Jets and gliders
- 5 A Mini Cooper
- 6 BMWs and Toyotas
- 7 A Samsung Galaxy
- 8 Motorola Droids and Apple iPhones

Who were these people?



- 9 Einstein was a scientist.
- 10 Newton and Pasteur
- 11 Van Gogh
- 12 Picasso and Monet
- 13 Charles Dickens
- 14 Proust and Tolstoy

Put *a* or *an* into the gaps.

- 15 My daughter's an actor.
- 16 I'm an optimist.
- 17 Jane is a good painter.
- 18 Jack's an interesting person.
- 19 When I was a child, I was afraid of dogs.
- 20 Peter's an idiot. He knows nothing.

## Definite article: *the*

### 3 You know the one I mean

Complete the sentences with words from the boxes.

the environment	the sky	the beach
the government	the country	the future
the mountains	the weather	

- 1 We need to protect the environment. We pollute it daily.
- 2 I used to live in the city. Now I live in the city.
- 3 How many stars are there in the sky?
- 4 No one can see into the future. Who knows what will happen?
- 5 I love taking my kids to the beach. We go paddling and build sandcastles.
- 6 We go climbing in the mountains.
- 7 She's a federal employee. She works for the government.
- 8 People talk about the environment because our climate is fascinating.

the doctor	the post office	the door
the salt	the garden	the radio
the bathroom	the library	

- 9 That's a nasty cough. You should see the doctor.
- 10 Pass me the salt. It's next to the pepper.
- 11 Close the door. It's freezing in here.
- 12 I go to the library once a week. I love books.
- 13 Let's sit in the garden. It's such a nice day.
- 14 I'm going to the post office. Do you want me to mail your letters?
- 15 "Where's Ana?"  
"She's in the bathroom taking a shower."
- 16 I don't watch TV much, but I like listening to the radio.

the best student	the most delicious
the same	the first

- 17 Pablo is the best student in the class.
- 18 I'll have the same pizza as you—cheese and tomato.
- 19 This is the first time I've been in love.
- 20 That was the most delicious ice cream I've ever had in my life.

## No article

### 4 Things in general

1 Match a line in A with a line in B.

A	B
1 <input type="checkbox"/> Apples ...	a is full of vitamins.
2 <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit ...	b doesn't lead to happiness.
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Bees ...	c grow on trees.
4 <input type="checkbox"/> Money ...	d are stronger than women.
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Men ...	e are less mature than girls.
6 <input type="checkbox"/> Boys ...	f make honey.

2 Complete these English proverbs with a noun from the box.

beauty love variety time honesty crime

1 Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.  
 2            is the best policy.  
 3 All's fair in            and war.  
 4            is the spice of life.  
 5            doesn't pay.  
 6            heals all wounds.

3 Complete the sentences with a game or academic subject.

psychology biology poker chess

1 James is studying psychology at school.  
 2            is a game of strategy played on a black and white board.  
 3            is the study of plants and animals.  
 4 I love playing           , but I hate losing money.

### 5 Article or no article?

Complete the sentences with *the* or nothing (-).

#### Everyday places



1 I go to        school at 8:00. The school is in        center of        town.  
 2 My dad's at        work. He teaches        children and adults.  
 3 I'm going        home now. I'm tired. I'll be at        home tomorrow.  
 4 Good night. I'm going to        bed now. Jane's in        bed already.  
 5 My brother's studying        Math at        Indiana University. My sister's at        University of Illinois.

#### Place names



6 We're staying at        Pierre Hotel on        Fifth Avenue.  
 7 We can see        Central Park,        St. Patrick's Cathedral, and        Chrysler Building from our room.  
 8 We're going to eat at        Palm Tree Restaurant. We used to go to        Giovanni's Restaurant until it closed down.  
 9 I want to see        Bronx Zoo,        Guggenheim, and        Grand Central Station.  
 10 Last year we went on vacation to        Mediterranean. We met people from        Mexico,        Japan, and        Middle East.

#### Meals



11 What did you have for        lunch?  
 12 Where should we have        dinner?  
 13 What time do you want        breakfast?

#### Transportation



14 I usually go to work by        bus, but this morning        bus was late, so I missed my meeting.  
 15 I go everywhere by        train. I never travel by        plane.        last plane I took was in 2003.

#### Nationalities



16        French love food, but only French food.  
 17        Italian people have great style.  
 18        Mexicans are proud of their heritage.