Pre-intermediate Unit 5b(1)

Articles (*a/an, the* and *no article*)

A: I'm here for an interview.

B: Take a seat. Would you like a cup of coffee? Or an orange juice?

A: Thanks. I'd like a glass of water, please.

B: This gentleman is here for the interview.

C: For which job?

A: It's for the sales assistant job.

C: Oh yes.

C: So tell me why you're the best person for the job.

A: I like working with people and I love working in sales.

Presentation

Use *a/an*	Use *the*	Use no article (–)
• To talk about something that isn't specific: *I'd like* ***a glass*** *of water.* (any glass, not a particular glass) • The first time we mention something: *I'm here for* ***an interview****.*	• To talk about something specific or unique: *It's for* ***the sales assistant job****.* • The second time we mention something: *This gentleman is here for* ***the interview****.* • With superlatives: ***the best*** *person*	• To talk about plural and uncountable nouns in general: *I like working with* ***(-) people*** *and* *I like working in* ***(-) sales****.*

Exercises

1 Choose the correct option.

1 Could I have@/ – / *the* glass of juice, please?
2 Mum! There's *a* / *an* / *the* woman on *a* / *an* / *the* phone for you.
3 There are lots of jobs in *a* / – / *the* tourism.
4 I'm applying for *an* / – / *the* job of marketing manager.
5 I love working in *a* / – / *the* teams.
6 Can I ask you *a* / – / *the* question?
7 This is *a* / – / *the* best job I've ever had.
8 I've got *a* / – / *the* problem with my computer.
9 I've got *a* / – / *the* same problem I had last week.
10 What's *a* / – / *the* time?
11 A: Hello, can I speak to *a* / – / *the* manager, please?
B: I'm afraid he isn't in *an* / – / *the* office today.

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2 Add *a* or *the* to the conversations where necessary.

1 A: Shall we go to see film?
B: Yes, OK. What do you want to see?

2 A: Did you enjoy show?
B: Yes, it was great. Music was fantastic.

3 A: Is there bus stop near here?
B: Yes, nearest bus stop is on corner, opposite police station.

4 A: Is that new mobile phone? Where did you get it?
B: In shop in town centre. It's new shop. It opened last week.

5 A: This is first time I've been to this restaurant. Is it new?
B: No, it's been here for years. Friend brought me here once after work.

6 A: Look! There's man waving at you over there, on other side of street.
B: Who? Man with black dog?

3 Complete the text with *the* or – (zero article).

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Name: Fred

Favourite food: I love [1]_____ homemade food. I particularly love [2]_____ food my grandmother makes. I hate [3]_____ burgers and [4]_____ chips and [5]_____ coffee from [6]_____ machine at work.

Likes and dislikes: I love [7]_____ dancing and spending time with my friends. I especially love going to [8]_____ park and listening to [9]_____ music on my mp3 player.

Free time activities: I like to keep fit. I play [10]_____ basketball twice a week and go swimming in [11]_____ local pool every morning. I spend [12]_____ hours playing [13]_____ games on my computer and I love watching [14]_____ DVDs.

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