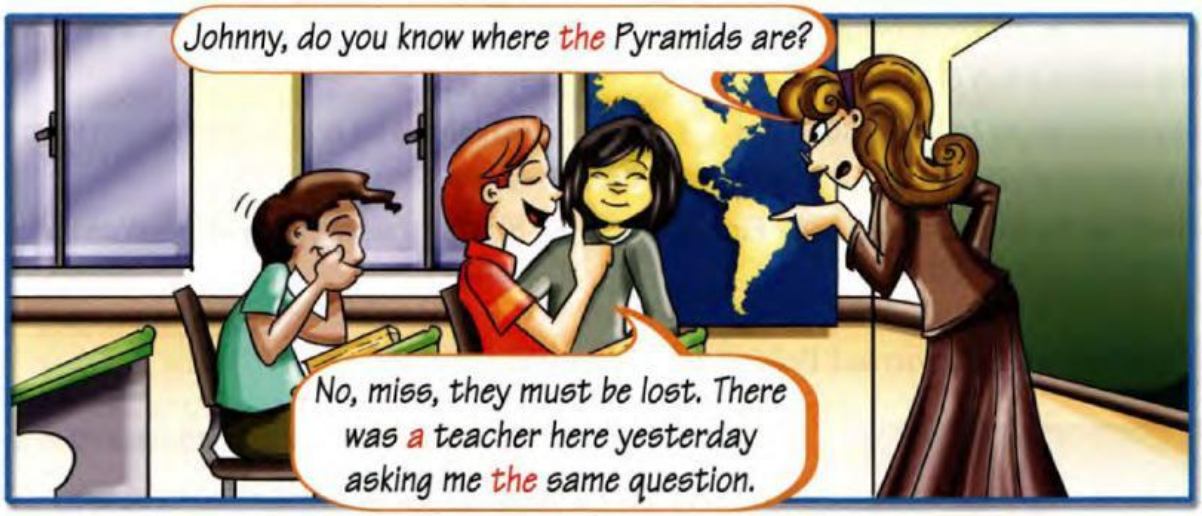
# 18 Articles

37 **Listen and repeat. Then act out.**




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| **a + consonant sound (/b/, /d/, /g/, /f/, /l/, /p/, etc.)** | **a** pen |
| **an + vowel sound (/æ/, /e/, /ɪ/, /ɒ/, /ə/, etc.)** | **an** apple |

- **A / An is used with singular countable nouns when we talk about things in general.**
  **An** aeroplane is faster than a train. (Which aeroplane? Aeroplanes in general.)
  **A** greengrocer sells vegetables. (Which greengrocer? Greengrocers in general.)
- **We often use a / an after the verbs 'to be' and 'have / have got'.**
  He **is** a photographer. He **has got** a camera.
- **We do not use a / an with uncountable or plural nouns. We can use some instead.**
  Would you like **some** tea? Yes, please! And I'd like **some** biscuits. (**NOT** Would you like ~~a tea~~?)
- **A / An is not used before an adjective if it is not followed by a noun. However, if the adjective is followed by a noun, we use a if the adjective begins with a consonant noun and an if the adjective begins with a vowel sound.**
  It's a ring. It's **expensive**. It's **an expensive ring**.
- **The is used before singular and plural nouns, both countable and uncountable, when we talk about something specific or when the noun is mentioned for a second time.**
  **The** boy who has just left is my cousin. (Which boy? Not any boy. A specific boy, the boy who has just left.)
  There is a cat on the sofa. **The** cat is sleeping. ('The cat' is mentioned for a second time.)
- **We use the with the words cinema, theatre, radio, country(side), seaside, beach, world, weekend, etc.**
  We go to **the beach** every Sunday.
- **We use either a / an or the before a singular countable noun to represent a class of people, animals or things.**
  **A / The** dolphin is more intelligent than **a / the** shark. (We mean dolphins and sharks in general.)
  **ALSO:** Dolphins are more intelligent than sharks.



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## 1 Fill in with *a*, *an* or *some*.



1 ....*an*.... apple



2 ..... bananas



3 ..... bird



4 ..... cheese



5 ..... diary



6 ..... owl



7 ..... egg



8 ..... lemons



9 ..... camel

## 2 Fill in: *a*, *an*, *the* or *some*.

1 A: Can I help you?
B: Yes. I'm looking for ...*a*... book about whales.

2 A: When do you usually go to ..... cinema?
B: At ..... weekend.

3 A: Do you have any plans for tonight, Mandy?
B: Yes, I'm going out with ..... friends.

4 A: Did you have fun at ..... zoo?
B: Yes! We saw ..... penguins and ..... elephant.

5 A: What do you want to be when you grow up?
B: ..... astronaut!

6 A: Where are ..... boys, Bob?
B: They are playing in ..... garden.

7 A: Did you buy anything at ..... shops, Betty?
B: Yes, Mum. I bought ..... silk scarf.

8 A: What's this?
B: It's ..... old radio.



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**The is also used before:**

- **nouns which are unique.**
  Haven't you been to **the Acropolis** yet?
- **names of cinemas** (the Odeon), **hotels** (the Hilton), **theatres** (the Rex), **museums** (the Prado), **newspapers** (the Times), **ships** (the Queen Mary).
- **names of rivers** (the Thames), **seas** (the Black Sea), **groups of islands / states** (the Bahamas, the USA), **mountain ranges** (the Alps), **deserts** (the Gobi Desert), **oceans** (the Pacific) **and names with ... of** (The Tower of London).
- **musical instruments.**
  Can you play **the guitar**?
- **names of people / families / nationality words.**
  the Smiths, the English, the Italians, etc.
- **titles without proper names.**
  the Queen, the President
- **the superlative degree of adjectives / adverbs (the *best*).**
  He's **the most intelligent** student of all.

**The is omitted before:**

- **proper nouns. Paula** comes from **Canada**.
- **names of sports, activities, colours, substances and meals.**
  He plays **tennis** well. She likes **blue**. **Soda** isn't expensive. **Lunch** is ready.
- **names of countries** (Italy), **cities** (London), **streets** (Bond Street), **parks** (Hyde Park), **mountains** (Everest), **islands** (Cyprus), **lakes** (Lake Michigan), **continents** (Europe).
- **the possessive case or possessive adjectives.** This isn't **your** coat, it's **Kate's**.
- **the words 'home' and 'Father / Mother' when we talk about our own home / parents.**
  **Father** isn't at **home**.
- **titles with proper names.**
  Queen Elizabeth, President Kennedy
- **bed, school, church, hospital, prison, when they are used for the reason they exist.** John was taken to **hospital**. BUT: His mother went to **the hospital** to see him.

**3** **Fill in *the* where necessary. Then circle the correct answer.**

## QUIZ TIME

1 Is ..✗.. Lisbon .the. capital of ..✗.. Portugal?
(A) Yes B No

2 Is ..... Malta in ..... Caspian Sea?
A Yes B No

3 Is ..... Lake Baikal in ..... Russian Federation ..... world's deepest lake?
A Yes B No

4 Where is ..... Sahara Desert?
A In Asia B In Africa

5 What is ..... biggest island in ..... Greece?
A Corfu B Crete

6 What is ..... capital of ..... Italy?
A Rome B Milan

7 Is ..... Arctic Ocean bigger than ..... Indian Ocean?
A Yes B No

8 Is ..... Everest ..... highest mountain in ..... world?
A Yes B No

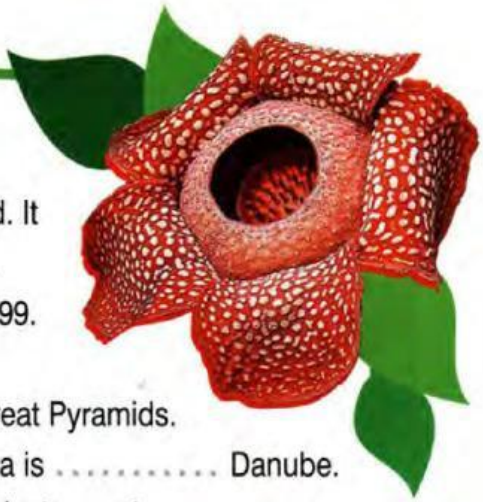
9 Where are ..... Sardinia and ..... Corsica?
A In the Black Sea
B In the Mediterranean Sea

10 Where is ..... Mississippi River?
A In the USA B In the UK



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## 4 Fill in *the* where necessary.



### Did you know?

1 Rafflesia arnoldii is ..*the*.. largest flower in ..... world. It weighs 7kg and grows only in ..... Sumatra, Indonesia.
2 ..... Johann Vaaler invented ..... paperclip in 1899.
3 ..... Badminton became an Olympic sport in 1992.
4 It took ..... Egyptians 20 years to build ..... Great Pyramids.
5 ..... most important river entering ..... Black Sea is ..... Danube.
6 ..... bass is ..... largest of ..... string instruments.

## 5 Fill in *a* or *the* where necessary.

John: Do you want to come to 1) ..*the*.. theatre with me tonight?
Ann: Sorry, I can't. I'm going to 2) ..... restaurant with my cousin from 3) ..... America.
John: What part of 4) ..... USA does he come from?
Ann: He lives in 5) ..... Colorado, near 6) ..... Rocky Mountains. He's quite 7) ..... famous musician. He plays 8) ..... guitar in 9) ..... rock band. In fact he's giving a concert at 10) ..... Odeon in 11) ..... Regent Street tomorrow evening.

## 6 Fill in *a*, *an* or *the* where necessary.

1 A: Can you tell me the way to ..*the*.. nearest bank, please?
B: Sure. Turn left here and you'll find it in ..... Green Street.

2 A: Is this ..... Ahmed's motorbike?
B: No, ..... blue motorbike over there is his.

3 A: Where are ..... Wilsons going on holiday?
B: They're going to ..... Bahamas.

4 A: What do you know about ..... Bermuda Islands?
B: They're in ..... North Atlantic Ocean.

5 A: What shall we do tonight?
B: Let's go to ..... Odeon. There's a comedy on with Jim Carrey.

6 A: I'm going to make ..... pie for tonight.
B: Great!

7 A: I saw ..... amazing film last night.
B: Really? What was it about?

8 A: Brad is going to ..... London on ..... business trip.
B: Is he going to stay at ..... Mandeville Hotel again?

9 A: Would you like some ice cream?
B: No, thanks. I'd prefer ..... sandwich.



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**7** **Lisa recently went on holiday to Spain. While she was there, she visited three different places, tried the local food and bought some souvenirs. Look at the pictures and the words given and say what Lisa did using *a*, *an*, *some* or *the*, where necessary.**



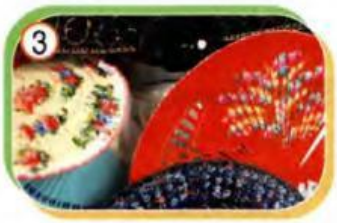

go / Barcelona

*Lisa went to Barcelona.*

eat / paella

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buy / Spanish fan for herself

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visit / Prado Museum

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take photos of / Lake Sanabria

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buy / flamenco dolls for her friends

.....




**8** **Complete the questions with *a*, *an* or *the*, where necessary, using the words in the list. Ask your partner to answer the questions.**

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| • **Mont Blanc** | • **breakfast** | • **UK** | • **African safari** |
| • ~~**violin**~~ | • **restaurant** | • **aeroplane** | • **basketball** |

1 A: Can you play *the violin*?
B: *No, I can't but I can play the piano.*
2 What do you usually have for .....?
3 Have you ever been to .....?
4 Would you like to climb .....?
5 Do you like .....?
6 Would you ever go on .....?
7 Are you going to eat at ..... tonight?
8 Have you ever flown in .....?



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## Speaking Activity

*Talking about a place*

**In pairs, ask and answer questions about where you and your family went on holiday last summer, which places you visited, what local dishes you tried and what souvenirs you bought for your friends.**



A: Where did you go on holiday last summer?

B: We went to Venice in Italy, etc.



## Writing Activity

**You are writing a letter to your English pen friend. You are telling him what you and your family did on your summer holiday. Write about: what places / visit, what / eat and what / buy.**

Dear .....,

I've just come back from ..... . We had a fabulous time there.

My family and I went to ....., which was fantastic. We .....

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What about you? What did you do on your summer holiday?

Write back,

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