

GRAMMAR

a/an, the and no article

- 1** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.
- I think that **families / the families** are really important.
 - My sister wants to be **a / an** actor.
 - I'm learning to play **a / the** piano.
 - There isn't much for **the young people / young people** to do in my town.
 - I have **dinner / the dinner** with my family most evenings.
 - My mum can speak **Spanish / the Spanish**.
 - My uncle lives in **USA / the USA**.
 - Some parents put **pressure / the pressure** on their children to do well at school.
 - Was **a / the** film good last night?
 - There isn't **a / an** university in my town.

- 2** Complete what the people say about their families with *a/an, the* or no article (-).

A I'm ¹..... only child but it isn't ²..... problem for me. I like spending ³..... time with my parents, and I've got ⁴..... friends I can see if I want to be with people my own age.

B I come from ⁵..... big family with nine children, and ⁶..... house where we live is always very busy, especially in ⁷..... mornings, when everyone is trying to get ready for ⁸..... school!

C I've got ⁹..... younger brother and he's really annoying! Like, he always wants to play ¹⁰..... same computer game that I want to play, at ¹¹..... only time I'm free to play! There are often ¹²..... arguments in our house! But other days we get on really well.

- 3** Read the sentences about Sam and her interesting family. Which sentences use articles correctly? Write C for correct or I for incorrect.

- Sam Briggs lives in a small town in USA.
- She lives with her parents and 24 brothers and sisters.
- Sam's brothers and sisters come from all over the world.
- Two of her brothers are from Mexico, and three sisters are from the Africa.
- All the children had problems in their own countries, so Sam's parents offered them a home.
- They have big house, with 10 bedrooms.
- Sam works hard at school, and she wants to study art when she's older.
- Sam loves her brothers and sisters and is really happy that she has unusual family!

- 4** Read Helen's blog about her life on a small Scottish island. Complete it with *a/an, the* or no article (-).

My home is on ¹..... small Scottish island. It's called Lewis and it's two and a half hours by boat from ²..... west coast of the mainland. About two thousand people live on ³..... island, and I know most of them! A lot of ⁴..... tourists visit in the summer, too. People often ask me what it's like to live here, so I'll tell you. Yes, we *do* have ⁵..... electricity and ⁶..... cars! In fact, we have most of ⁷..... things that you can get in ⁸..... towns and cities, even ⁹..... coffee shops and ¹⁰..... cinema. But it's different here because life is very relaxed. Of course, we have ¹¹..... stress sometimes, but not very much. I get on well with my family, and I know everyone else my age, so I can always ask ¹²..... friend for ¹³..... help if I need it. And it's easy for me to find out what's happening in other parts of ¹⁴..... world, because of course we have ¹⁵..... internet!

- 5** Read some questions people have left Helen on her blog. Complete them with *a/an, the* or no article (-).

- Is there school on the island, or do you have to go across sea to the mainland?
- I love meeting new people. Do you ever get fed up with seeing same people every day?
- Do you want to find job on the island when you leave school, or do you want to move to big city like Edinburgh?
- I think I would enjoy life on Lewis. Can I come and visit you for holiday?



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