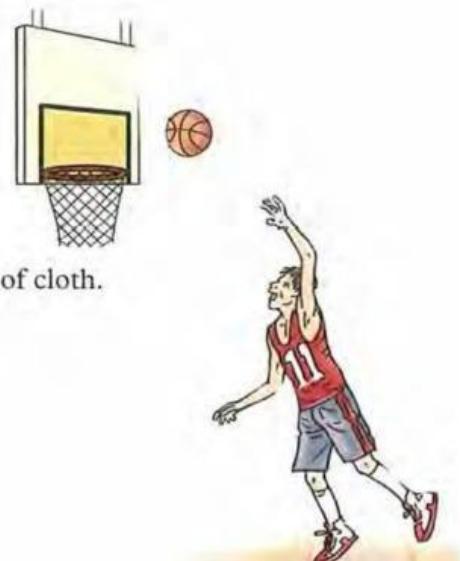


Add **a/an** if necessary. Write **Ø** if the noun is noncount. Capitalize as necessary.

1. A bird has wings.
2. An animal needs a regular supply of food.
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3. Ø food is a necessity of life.
4. ____ tennis is a sport.
5. ____ tennis player has to practice long hours.
6. ____ island is a piece of land surrounded by water.
7. ____ gold is a metal.
8. ____ bridge is a structure that spans a river.
9. ____ health is one of the most important things in life.
10. ____ adjective is a word that modifies a noun.
11. ____ tree needs water to survive.
12. ____ water is composed of oxygen and hydrogen.
13. ____ knowledge is a source of power.
14. ____ homework is a necessary part of a course of study.
15. ____ grammar is interesting and fun.
16. ____ sentence usually contains a subject and a verb.
17. ____ English is used in airports throughout much of the world.
18. ____ air is free.
19. ____ fruit is good for you.
20. ____ orange is green until it ripens.
21. ____ iron is a metal.
22. ____ iron is an appliance used to take wrinkles out of cloth.
23. ____ basketball is round.
24. ____ basketball is a sport.



Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, or *some*.

1. The teacher made an announcement.
2. I saw a bird.
3. I saw some birds.
4. Rosa borrowed some money from her uncle.
5. I had an accident.
6. I have some homework to do tonight.
7. There is a table in the room.
8. There is some furniture in the room.
9. There are some chairs in the room.
10. My father gave me some advice.
11. Sonya is carrying a bag.
12. Sonya is pulling some luggage.
13. There was an earthquake in California.
14. I got some letters in the mail.
15. Helen got a letter from her mother.
16. Mr. Alvarez got some mail yesterday.
17. A computer is a machine that can solve problems.
18. The factory bought some new machinery.
19. Some machines are powered by electricity. Some use other sources of energy.
20. I threw away some junk.
21. I threw away a old basket that was falling apart.
22. I threw away some old boots that had holes in them.



Complete the dialogues with *a*, *an*, or *the*. Capitalize as necessary.

1. A: I have an idea. Let's go on a picnic Saturday.
B: Okay.
2. A: Did you have fun at the picnic yesterday?
B: Sure did. And you?
3. A: You'd better have good reason for being late!
B: I do.
4. A: Did you think reason Mike gave for being late was believable?
B: Not really.
5. A: Where's my blue shirt?
B: It's in washing machine.
A: That's okay. I can wear different shirt.
6. A: I wish we had washing machine.
B: So do I. It would make it a lot easier to do our laundry.
7. A: Have you seen my boots?
B: They're in closet in front hallway.

8. A: Can you repair my car for me?
B: What's wrong with it?
A: radiator has leak, and one of windshield wipers doesn't work.
B: Can you show me where leak is?
9. A: What happened to your bicycle? front wheel is bent.
B: I ran into parked car when I swerved to avoid big pothole.
A: Did you damage car?
B: A little.
A: What did you do?
B: I left note for owner of car.
A: What did you write on note?
B: My name and address. I also wrote apology.



Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *the*, or *Ø*. Capitalize as necessary.

1. We need to get _____ new phone.
2. Alex, would you please answer _____ phone?
3. _____ people use _____ plants in _____ many different ways. Plants supply us with oxygen. They are a source of _____ lifesaving medicines. We use plant products to build _____ houses and to make _____ paper and _____ textiles.
4. The biggest bird in the world is the ostrich. It eats just about anything it can reach, including _____ stones, _____ glass, and _____ keys. It can kill _____ person with one kick.
5. In _____ recent newspaper article, I read about _____ Australian swimmer who was saved from _____ shark by _____ group of dolphins. When _____ shark attacked _____ swimmer, _____ dolphins chased it away. They saved _____ swimmer's life.
6. I heard on the radio that there is _____ evidence that _____ dolphins suffer in captivity. Dolphins that are free in _____ nature live around 40 years. Captive dolphins live _____ average of 12 years. It is believed that some captive dolphins commit _____ suicide.
7. Look. There's _____ fly walking on _____ ceiling. It's upside down. Do you suppose _____ fly was flying rightside up and flipped over at the last second, or was it flying upside down when it landed on _____ ceiling?

