

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an', 'the' or -.

1 A: Mother has made _____ orange cake. Would you like _____ slice?

B: Yes, _____ large slice, please!



2 Lilian's home is beautiful! She has _____ airy, spacious bedroom and _____ walk-in closet!

3 Beth is _____ hardworking girl. I often see her studying in _____ library.

4 A: It's such _____ lovely day! Let's go to _____ beach.

B: _____ beach? No way! I want to go to _____ cinema to watch _____ movie.

5 A: May I know _____ time, please?

B: I'm sorry, I don't have _____ watch. Please ask _____ boy over there. He has _____ watch.

6 My aunt has just returned from _____ enjoyable holiday in _____ East Malaysia. She stayed with _____ old friend of hers who has _____ bungalow by _____ sea.

7 _____ good friend of mine was killed in _____ accident _____ few weeks ago. She was driving to _____ work at _____ time of _____ accident.

8 _____ person who is _____ happy all _____ time can face _____ problems in _____ life better than _____ person who always walks around with _____ sad face.

9 Encik Ramli is _____ retired bank officer. He is _____ very pleasant and _____ hardworking person. He now works in _____ accounting firm. _____ working hours are long but _____ salary is good.

10 A: May I know _____ way to _____ nearest post office, please?

B: It's at _____ junction of _____ Jalan Melor and _____ Jalan Awan. If you walk down _____ road, you will come to _____ junction.

Exercise 2

Complete the passage with 'a', 'an', 'the', or -.

My wife and I have recently moved to this city. Since we are going to be here for only (1) _____ short time, we're renting (2) _____ furnished house. We decided that we didn't want to bring our own furniture with us. (3) _____ house is in (4) _____ good location, but that's about (5) _____ only good thing I can say about it. Only one burner on (6) _____ stove works. (7) _____ refrigerator is noisy and (8) _____ refrigerator door won't stay closed unless we tape it shut. (9) _____ bed sags in (10) _____ middle and creaks. (11) _____ rest of (12) _____ furniture is old and worn out too. Nevertheless, we are still enjoying living in this city, though we may have to look for another house.

Exercise 3

Identify the place of **ten missing articles** (/) and write the **correct articles** needed. The first one has already been done for you.

Zui Xen was ^a / rich lady. She had rich grandparents, so she didn't need to work. She bought things without looking at price. It didn't matter if those things were sold for half price.

When she woke up every morning, she wondered what she would do that day. Shopping was not pleasure. Eating at best restaurants was nothing new. Going abroad to another country was tiring. Anyway, she had visited most countries in world.

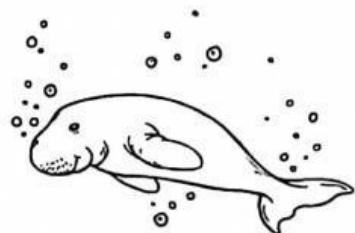
But things changed one morning. When she woke up, she heard loud but melodious singing of black and white bird. It was magpie. She was captivated by sheer power of its tone – so strong and yet so sweet. It lifted her spirits bit.

Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an', 'the' or -.

TEXT 1

(1) _____ dugong is (2) _____ aquatic mammal. It is closely related to (3) _____ elephant. Dugongs have (4) _____ smooth body and (5) _____ flat forked tail. Some people believe that (6) _____ legend of (7) _____ mermaid may have originated from (8) _____ dugong.



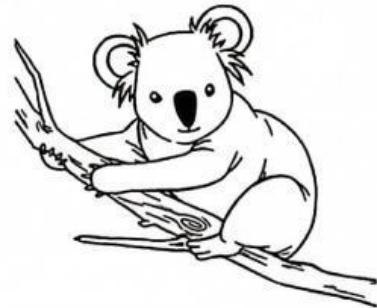
TEXT 2

(1) _____ Giant Panda is not only (2) _____ symbol of China but also (3) _____ animal that is (4) _____ well-known around (5) _____ world. It is also (6) _____ endangered species because there are less than (7) _____ thousand left living in (8) _____ wild. These gentle-looking creatures move slowly but can run up to (9) _____ 32 kilometres in (10) _____ hour.



TEXT 3

(1) _____ koala is (2) _____ marsupial – (3) _____ mammal which carries its baby in its pouch while it grows. Koalas are found in (4) _____ Australia specifically along (5) _____ coast in (6) _____ Eastern and Southern parts of (7) _____ country.



(8) _____ koala, with its velvet-looking nose and (9) _____ thick fur, looks like (10) _____ teddy bear. It has (11) _____ long sharp claws which it uses to grip and climb (12) _____ eucalyptus tree. (13) _____ leaves of (14) _____ eucalyptus tree are also (15) _____ koala's main source of food.