

## Practice 8 – NOUNS and DETERMINERS 1

**Practice 1:** Some of these sentences need **a/an**. Correct the sentences where necessary.

- 1 Joe goes everywhere by bike. He doesn't have car. He doesn't have a car.
- 2 Helen was listening to music when I arrived. OK
- 3 We went to very nice restaurant last weekend. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I brush my teeth with toothpaste. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I use toothbrush to brush my teeth. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Can you tell me if there's bank near here? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 My brother works for insurance company. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 I don't like violence. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 When we were in Rome, we stayed in big hotel. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 If you have problem, I'll try and help you. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 I like your suggestion. It's interesting idea. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Can you smell paint? \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 I like volleyball. It's good game. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Lisa doesn't usually wear jewellery. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Jane was wearing beautiful necklace. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Does this city have airport? \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice 2:** Complete the sentences using the following words. Use **a/an** where necessary.

~~accident~~  
ice

biscuit  
interview

blood  
key

coat  
moment

decision  
~~music~~

electricity  
question

- 1 The road is closed. There's been an accident.
- 2 Listen! Can you hear music?
- 3 I couldn't get into the house. I didn't have \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 It's very warm today. Why are you wearing \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ in your drink?
- 6 Are you hungry? Have \_\_\_\_\_!
- 7 Our lives would be very difficult without \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Excuse me, can I ask you \_\_\_\_\_?
- 9 I'm not ready yet. Can you wait \_\_\_\_\_, please?
- 10 The heart pumps \_\_\_\_\_ through the body.
- 11 We can't delay much longer. We have to make \_\_\_\_\_ soon.
- 12 I had \_\_\_\_\_ for a job yesterday. It went quite well.

**Practice 3:** Complete the sentences using the following words

air  
patience

day  
people

friend  
~~picture~~

joke  
queue

language  
space

meat  
umbrella

Sometimes the word needs to be plural (**-s**), and sometimes you need to use **a/an**.

- 1 I had a camera with me, but I didn't take any pictures.
- 2 There are seven \_\_\_\_\_ in a week.
- 3 A vegetarian is a person who doesn't eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Outside the cinema there was \_\_\_\_\_ of people waiting to see the film.
- 5 I'm not good at telling \_\_\_\_\_.



- 6 Last night I went out with some ..... of mine.
- 7 There were very few ..... in town today. The streets were almost empty.
- 8 I'm going out for a walk. I need some fresh .....
- 9 Paul always wants things quickly. He doesn't have much .....
- 10 I think it's going to rain. Do you have ..... I could borrow?
- 11 How many ..... can you speak?
- 12 Our flat is very small. We don't have much .....

**Practice 4: Which is right?**

- 1 Most of my friends are students / ~~some students~~. (students is correct)
- 2 Are you careful driver / a careful driver?
- 3 I went to the library and borrowed books / some books.
- 4 Mark works in a bookshop. He sells books / some books.
- 5 I've been walking for hours. I've got sore feet / some sore feet.
- 6 I don't feel very well. I've got sore throat / a sore throat.
- 7 What lovely present / a lovely present! Thank you very much.
- 8 I met students / some students in a cafe yesterday. They were from China.
- 9 It might rain. Don't go out without umbrella / without an umbrella.
- 10 People / Some people learn languages more easily than others.

**Practice 5: Put a/an/some where necessary. If no word is necessary, leave the space empty.**

- 1 I've seen some good movies recently.
- 2 Are you feeling all right? Do you have a headache?
- 3 I know lots of people. Most of them are - students.
- 4 When I was ..... child, I used to be very shy.
- 5 ..... birds, for example the penguin, cannot fly.
- 6 Would you like to be ..... actor?
- 7 Questions, questions, questions! You're always asking ..... questions!
- 8 I didn't expect to see you. What ..... surprise!
- 9 Do you like staying in ..... hotels?
- 10 Tomorrow is a holiday. .... shops will be open, but most of them will be closed.
- 11 Those are ..... nice shoes. Where did you get them?
- 12 You need ..... visa to visit ..... countries, but not all of them.
- 13 Kate is ..... teacher. Her parents were ..... teachers too.
- 14 I don't believe him. He's ..... liar. He's always telling ..... lies.

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