

# Grammar 2 articles

1 For each rule, write 'I' if you need an indefinite article, 'D' for a definite article and 'N' if there is no article used.

- 1 When we talk about something or someone we have mentioned before \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 When we say which thing or things we mean \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 When we talk about people or things in a general way \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 When we talk about someone or something for the first time \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 When we use proper names \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 When we talk about instruments \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 When the other person already knows what we are talking about \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 When we talk about someone's job \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 When we talk about the names of rivers, deserts and mountain ranges \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 When we talk about something that is unique \_\_\_\_\_

2 Now match the rules (1–10) in Exercise 1 with these examples.

- a Then the woman walked up to us and started talking. \_\_\_\_\_
- b I'm going climbing in the Andes this summer. \_\_\_\_\_
- c Oranges are my favourite fruit. \_\_\_\_\_
- d Did you enjoy the book? \_\_\_\_\_
- e There was a young woman opposite me. \_\_\_\_\_
- f My brother can play the piano. \_\_\_\_\_
- g The films I like the most are her early ones. \_\_\_\_\_
- h I'd like to go and see the midnight sun one day. \_\_\_\_\_
- i Jenny's a teacher. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 I have a / - breakfast at 7 a.m.
- 2 Do you know a / the time?
- 3 She's a / the nurse at our local hospital.
- 4 I have a / - problem I wanted to discuss with you.
- 5 We don't use the / - books or the / - photocopies in our class – just a / - materials from the / - internet.
- 6 Can I ask you a / the favour?
- 7 I'd love to visit the / - Angel Falls.
- 8 Fish in the / - Pacific are dying because of all the / - plastic bags in the / - sea.

4 Correct the mistakes with the articles where necessary. Two sentences are correct.

- 1 We cycled through valley before lunch.

2 I'd like to go to the Moon one day.

- 3 My brother is doctor.

- 4 The rivers around here are so dirty.

- 5 She plays a guitar in a band.

- 6 That's a new head teacher at my school.

5 Complete the text with a, an, the or -.

It's easy to set up <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ local group to do something about <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ climate change and <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ environment. First you need to identify <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ exact problem you are worried about. Is it all <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ rubbish you find in <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sea or <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ plastic that is used in <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ shops? You then need to let people know about <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ group. You could send <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ emails, but these days <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ social media is better. Finally, you need to set up <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ meeting to discuss your group's name and what you want to achieve.

