

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

