

Men, women, and children

Men want to be a woman's first love. Women like to be a man's last romance.
Oscar Wilde, Irish writer

G articles: a / an, the, no article

V collocation: verbs / adjectives + prepositions

P /ə, two pronunciations of the

1 GRAMMAR articles

a Circle the correct words.

- 1 Yesterday was *hottest* / the hottest day of the year so far.
- 2 We went to Paris for my birthday *last weekend* / the last weekend.
- 3 I think *girls* / the girls are better at learning languages / *the languages* than *boys* / the boys.
- 4 Did you lock *door* / the door when you left *house* / the house this morning?
- 5 My sister is married to *German* / a German. He's *engineer* / an engineer.
- 6 I don't usually like *fish* / the fish, but *salmon* / the salmon we had last night was delicious.
- 7 We go to *cinema* / the cinema once a week / the week.
- 8 Don't worry! It's not *the end* / end of *the world* / world.
- 9 Do you think *women* / the women are more sensitive than *men* / the men?
- 10 What *beautiful day* / a beautiful day! Let's have *lunch* / a lunch in the garden.

b Correct any mistakes in the highlighted phrases. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 That's lovely dress – the colour suits you. ☒ a lovely dress
- 2 He's going to visit his parents the next weekend. ☐
- 3 The money doesn't make people happy. ☐
- 4 My grandfather left school when he was 14. ☐
- 5 I go to the dentist about twice a year. ☐
- 6 Have you worn jacket that you bought last week? ☐
- 7 That was one of the best meals I've ever had. ☐
- 8 What noisy child! Where are his parents? ☐
- 9 Alex is studying to become doctor. ☐
- 10 I love cats, but my boyfriend doesn't like them. ☐
- 11 Her husband sits in front of the TV all day. ☐
- 12 She always leaves the work at half past five. ☐

c Complete the text with *a / an, the* or *–* (no article).

DNA

the reason women
see colours better
than men

Why are women generally able to see ¹_____ colours better than men? Scientists say there is ²_____ reason for this, and ³_____ reason is in our DNA. Our chromosomes contain DNA, which controls many things about us. The ability to see ⁴_____ colour red is carried by the X chromosome. Men have only one X chromosome, but ⁵_____ women have two of them. This means that it's easier for women to see red. This was important in prehistoric times when women were looking for ⁶_____ fruit to eat. They needed to choose ⁷_____ right fruit, so they had to be able to see ⁸_____ difference between different colours. If they made ⁹_____ mistake, they could kill their families and themselves. So, it was more important for women to see different colours, while men had ¹⁰_____ other important skills.

