

NO ARTICLE (School; the school)

Choose the correct words to complete the texts:

Most people go to ¹*the university / university* aged 18 or 19. However, in 1981, at the age of just 12, Ruth Lawrence became the University of Oxford's youngest ever student. She didn't go to ²*the school / school* and her father gave up his job to teach her at home. He also accompanied her everywhere at ³*the university / a university*.

Artist Vincent van Gogh spent several weeks in ⁴*a hospital / hospital* after he cut off part of his ear. While he was there, he produced several paintings of ⁵*the hospital / hospital* and some of the people who worked there.

Nelson Mandela was president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. Before that, he spent 27 years in ⁶*the prison / prison* for crimes against the government. Eighteen years of this was in ⁷*the prison / prison* on Robben Island, which is seven kilometres out to sea from Cape Town.

Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Use the definite article *the* if necessary.

hospital hospital prison school
school university university

- 1 I started studying Maths at university but I soon dropped out.
- 2 They brought the child up badly and he ended up in _____ for robbery.
- 3 The _____ beside my house is called Gregory's. It's for talented children.
- 4 It's easy to make friends at _____. I had lots as a kid.
- 5 His illness meant he was in _____ for months and he had to give up his job.
- 6 Anna also went to _____ where I studied Law.
- 7 The best place to see a doctor is at _____ in the city centre.

B Complete the text with *the* or – (no article).

(1) The hospital I work at is called St Anne's. I'm a nurse there. When I was a kid, I used to hate (2) _____ hospitals. I had to go to (3) _____ hospital twice then; once for a broken leg and the other time for a bad back. Another thing I hated was (4) _____ school. (5) _____ school I went to was very bad and it didn't have good facilities. I loved it when I went to (6) _____ university, though, because (7) _____ university I studied at was very modern, and it's also where I met my best friend, Jillian.