

1 Complete the pairs of sentences with a different article (*the, a(n) or –*) for each sentence.

1 A Have you been to *the* cinema recently?
B Have you heard? There's *a* new cinema opening soon.

2 A Chloe often wears trousers to school.
B Chloe often wears trousers you gave her to school.

3 A Jess is not very interested in science.
B Jess's dad is science teacher.

4 A Bruno is little impatient this morning.
B Sometimes Bruno has very little patience.

5 A Jörn stupidly dropped his phone in ocean.
B The Pacific isn't a lake, it's ocean!

6 A I want to change furniture in my room.
B I'm going shopping for furniture tomorrow.

2 Read the pairs of sentences and decide if they have a similar (S) or different (D) meaning.

1 A My sisters give me little help when I need it.
B My sisters give me a little help when I need it. *D*

2 A My friends and I use plenty of slang words.
B My friends and I use lots of slang words.

3 A There were few good places to go cycling.
B There were a few good places to go cycling.

4 A Do you want any chocolate?
B Do you want some chocolate?

5 A Several passengers were stuck overnight at the airport.
B A large number of passengers were stuck overnight at the airport.

6 A I've got some free time on Sunday.
B I've got plenty of free time on Sunday.

3 Put a tick (✓) if the sentence is correct or a cross (✗) if it is incorrect. Underline the mistakes.

1 We saw a plenty of wild animals when we went to the USA. *✗*

2 There were a few slang words that I didn't understand.

3 I really like the animals but I can't have pet because I'm allergic to they.

4 It's a lot of hot today.

5 It rained all afternoon so the amusement park wasn't much fun.

6 I spend many time playing video games – three hours per day.

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1 For this recipe you only need a small amount / number of sugar.

2 Sadly, there are few / a few opportunities for people like me.

3 They can afford it! They've got plenty of / a few money.

4 A large number / amount of people watched my presentation.

5 I had a little / little to lose, so I just tried my best, and I won!

6 In the end I didn't have some / any problems translating it.

5 ~~Cross-out~~ the incorrect determiners in the text. Sometimes both options are correct.

Recently, ¹ ~~the~~ / a few people have told me that they have ² ~~a few~~ / little problems understanding me when I speak. That's because, a couple of weeks ago I started wearing ³ ~~a~~ / the brace on my teeth. It's not ⁴ ~~the~~ / – most comfortable thing in ⁵ ~~the~~ / a world, I admit, but ⁶ ~~a large~~ number of / plenty of teenagers, like myself, have to wear one to straighten their teeth. It took ⁷ ~~a little~~ / a few time to get used to. At the beginning, it was ⁸ ~~a lot~~ of / a bit painful, but now, after two weeks, it's causing me very ⁹ ~~little~~ / many discomfort. ¹⁰ ~~The~~ / a only problem is that my 's's sound ¹¹ ~~a bit~~ / a little funny!