Elementary Unit 12b

No article



Travel to Peru and experience history

For tourists who love history, there is no better destination than Peru. When you arrive in Lima, you can easily tour the old city on foot and visit its museums. Then go by bus to Lake Titicaca and Machu Picchu. Peruvians are friendly people and many of them speak English, but try to learn some Spanish before you go.

Presentation

You don't often use an article with plural and uncountable nouns: *There are buses to every destination. For more information, contact us.*

Don't use an article ...

- to talk about things in general: *I like cats. English people drink tea in the afternoon.*
- for many place names: *I live in Lima.*
- for languages, countries and subjects: *Take a holiday in Peru. Learn to speak Spanish. I like studying Geography.*
- with geographical features: *Lake Titicaca, Mount Everest.*
- with forms of travel and transport: *Travel through the mountains on foot or by bicycle.*

TIP Don't use an article for these special cases: *at school/home.*

Key vocabulary **Travel:** by bicycle, on foot, by car, by train, by taxi, tour, destination, arrive, travel round by bus, by subway, take a taxi, tourist

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1 Choose the correct options.

1 *The Italian food / Italian food* is the best in the world!
2 *The people / People* over there are from Germany.
3 Try *the sandwiches / sandwiches* at this café.
4 Who is *the girl / girl* on the bike?
5 I like *the rock music / rock music*.
6 There's never enough *the time / time*.
7 Are *the elephants / elephants* really afraid of mice?
8 *The life / Life* is harder for children these days.
9 I prefer to travel round cities on *the foot / foot*.
10 Do you speak *the Chinese / Chinese*?

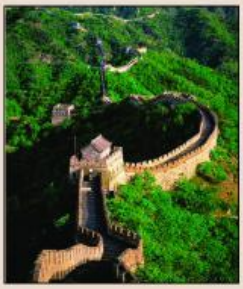
2 Cross out the *the* where it isn't necessary.

1 We visited the Eiffel Tower last year. ✓
2 Have you ever been to ~~the~~ Disneyland?
3 I go to the school at eight o'clock.
4 My father works at the home.
5 She goes to work by the bicycle.
6 I would love to see the Mount Everest.
7 I hate the golf. I never play it.
8 We study the Urdu at school. It's a great language.
9 The Spanish people are very friendly.
10 My mother works at the hospital in Oxford.
11 My grandmother lives in the Berlin.
12 I eat a lot of the apples.

3 Choose the correct answers.

1 I love ___c___ dogs. I have three of them.
a a **b** the **c** Ø
2 I live in _____.
a United States **b** United Kingdom **c** Uruguay
3 Do you speak _____ local language?
a a **b** the **c** Ø
4 You can only travel to the village on _____ foot.
a a **b** the **c** Ø
5 There's _____ bus every fifteen minutes.
a a **b** the **c** Ø
6 There are always _____ taxis outside the station.
a a **b** the **c** Ø

4 Complete the text with *the*, *a*, *an* or Ø (no article). Then listen and check.





Travel tips for visitors to Beijing

Transport

[1] ___Ø___ Beijing's metro and buses are often crowded so visitors should take [2] _____ taxi. Don't worry if you don't speak Chinese – many taxi drivers are now learning [3] _____ English.

Sightseeing

[4] _____ Great Wall of [5] _____ China is about two hours by [6] _____ car from [7] _____ Beijing. Or you can see [8] _____ panda in Beijing Zoo and then have [9] _____ excellent meal in [10] _____ CCTV (China Central Television) Tower restaurant.

Eating

You can buy [11] _____ cheap Chinese food in the street or there are [12] _____ international restaurants in [13] _____ centre. Try Peking duck.

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