Definite and Indefinite Articles

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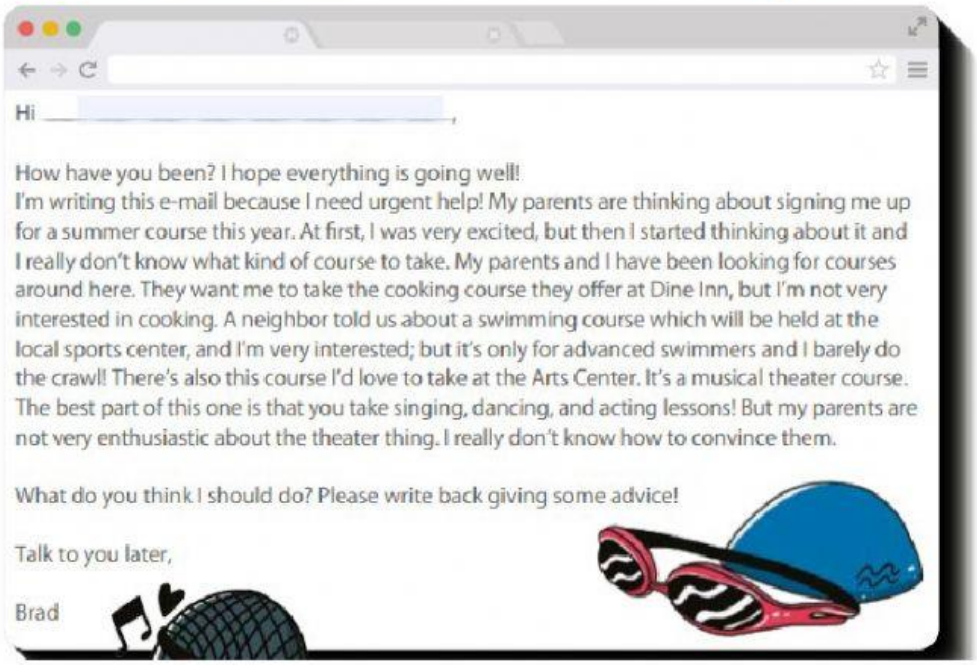
1 Read Brad's e-mail to you. Write your name on the line and say which course you think he should take.



Hi _____,

How have you been? I hope everything is going well!
I'm writing this e-mail because I need urgent help! My parents are thinking about signing me up for a summer course this year. At first, I was very excited, but then I started thinking about it and I really don't know what kind of course to take. My parents and I have been looking for courses around here. They want me to take the cooking course they offer at Dine Inn, but I'm not very interested in cooking. A neighbor told us about a swimming course which will be held at the local sports center, and I'm very interested; but it's only for advanced swimmers and I barely do the crawl! There's also this course I'd love to take at the Arts Center. It's a musical theater course. The best part of this one is that you take singing, dancing, and acting lessons! But my parents are not very enthusiastic about the theater thing. I really don't know how to convince them.

What do you think I should do? Please write back giving some advice!

Talk to you later,

Brad

KEY WORDS

a
an
countable
indefinite
the
uncountable

1.1) Drag the correct Key Words to complete the sentences.

a. Oranges are a _____noun, and rice is an _____noun.
b. I have ___ apple and __ banana.
c. She kept my book for an _____amount of time.
d. _____left side of the brain commands the right side of your body.

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2) Get into pairs. Without looking at the e-mail, write *the*, *a*, *an* or nothing in the space to complete the sentences. Then reread the e-mail to check your answers.

1. Brad is writing to you because he needs _____ help.
2. His parents want to sign him up for _____ summer course.
3. Brad's parents are excited about _____ cooking course.
4. I know that _____ cooking is not one of Brad's interests.
5. _____ neighbor told them about _____ swimming course at _____ local sports center.
6. Brad says _____ swimming course is not suitable because it's designed for _____ advanced swimmers.
7. Brad is interested in _____ musical theater course.
8. In this course, he would take _____ singing, dancing and _____ acting classes.

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Use **indefinite** articles **a** and **an** with singular, **countable** nouns.
Examples:
I want to take *a* summer course.
I will take *an* acrobatics class.

Use **a** before words that begin with a consonant sound and **an** before words beginning with a vowel sound.
Examples:
a singing lesson; *an* acting lesson

Use the definite article **the** when there is only one example that you know of.
Examples:
the cooking course at Dine Inn
the course at *the* local sports center

Don't use definite or indefinite articles with **uncountable** or plural nouns.
Examples:
I give help and advice. (NOT "a help" or "an advice")
This course is for artists. (NOT "the artists")
I will take acting lessons. (NOT "the acting lessons")
I'm not very good at cooking. (NOT "the cooking")

3) Get into pairs. Write *a*, *an*, *the* or nothing in the blanks.

1. We enjoyed our summer. _____ course was very nice.
2. A: "May I ask _____ question?"
   B: "Sure. What do you want to know?"
3. You look very tired. You need _____ vacation.
4. Tom is taking _____ gardening classes.
5. Eve is _____ interesting person. You should meet her.
6. A: "Excuse me, can you tell me how to get to _____ sports center?"
   B: "Yes, go straight two blocks and then take _____ next left. It will be on your right."
7. A: "Good afternoon. Arts Institute. How can I help you?"
   B: "Hello! I'm calling to ask for _____ information about _____ musical theater course you advertised."
   A: "It's _____ popular course. Would you like to register?"
8. Amanda is _____ high school student. This summer she is taking _____ summer course on poetry with her friends. She lives in _____ apartment near _____ school where she studies.
9. _____ Joneses have two children, _____ boy and _____ girl. _____ boy is seven years old, and _____ girl is three. _____ girl likes nature and playing with _____ animals. _____ boy's favorite game is _____ crossword board game, which he plays with his friends.

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