

A) Complete the sentences with a/an, the or no article (-).

- 1 I need to get \_\_\_\_\_ new phone.
- 2 There's a big department store in \_\_\_\_\_ city centre.
- 3 It might rain, so take \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella with you.
- 4 My sister doesn't eat \_\_\_\_\_ meat.
- 5 It's often hot and sunny in the south of \_\_\_\_\_ Italy.
- 6 Are you \_\_\_\_\_ student?
- 7 My uncle travels all over \_\_\_\_\_ world.
- 8 I don't like \_\_\_\_\_ bananas.
- 9 Can you speak \_\_\_\_\_ French?
- 10 My aunt has bought \_\_\_\_\_ new house. She really likes \_\_\_\_\_ house, but she doesn't like her neighbours!
- 11 A lot of \_\_\_\_\_ people come to \_\_\_\_\_ UK to work.
- 12 Let's meet at \_\_\_\_\_ swimming pool in \_\_\_\_\_ hour.

B) Read the blog post about home. Choose the best words to complete it. There are two words you don't need.

all/ any / every / few / how / lot / much / some

It's only when you go away that you find out 1 \_\_\_\_\_ much home means to you. I spent six weeks in South America last summer. It was a great experience, but there were a 2 \_\_\_\_\_ of things that I missed about home. The first thing was friends! Of course, I made a 3. \_\_\_\_\_ new friends, but new friends just aren't the same as old ones! Then there was my family. At home, my sister seems to do at least one thing to annoy me 4. \_\_\_\_\_ day, but when I was hundreds of miles away I was amazed how fond of her I felt! There are 5. \_\_\_\_\_ things that always feel strange when you're away from home – like sleeping in a different bed and eating different food. And of course you can't be in a bad mood – you have to be polite and cheerful 6. \_\_\_\_\_ the time, which isn't easy!

C) Complete the sentences with the correct present form of the verbs.

1 The sports centre \_\_\_\_\_ at 8.30 tomorrow morning. (open)

2 I \_\_\_\_\_ Italian at the moment because I \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to people when we're on holiday. (study / like)

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of great apps on my new phone. (have)

4 My dad usually \_\_\_\_\_ in town but he \_\_\_\_\_ from home for a few days.  
(work / work)

5 I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot about making animation films. (not know)

6 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ to drive and he \_\_\_\_\_ very well. (learn / do)

**D. Write questions about the words in bold.**

1 A \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Mr Green teaches **English**.

B \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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2 A. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Our next tennis lesson is **on Thursday**.

B \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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3 A. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Olly is meeting **Caroline** after school.

B \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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4. A. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**My mum** doesn't like cheese sandwiches.

B \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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5 A. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Sandy and Anna are watching **a horror film** at the moment.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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E) Fill in the blanks with the simple past or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) at the breakfast table when the doorbell \_\_\_\_\_  
(ring) .

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) a lot of friendly people while he \_\_\_\_\_ (work)  
in California.

3. When they \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the museum, the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (shine).

4. The students \_\_\_\_\_ ( play) cards when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
(come).

5. While the children \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep), their parents \_\_\_\_\_ (watch)  
TV.

6. It \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to rain while she \_\_\_\_\_ (water) the flowers in  
her garden.