

Articles

Activity 1: Choose the alternative that is correct. (-) means zero article

1. The/ An advice the/ a doctor gave me was really helpful, so sometimes it is worth listening to the/ (-) people's suggestions.
2. A/ The peak flow meter I have has something wrong with it. Do (-)/ a devices like this often go wrong?
3. All the/ (-) patients with (-)/ a breathlessness need the/ a careful examination with the/ a detailed history being taken as well.
4. She had the/ (-) tightness in the/ a chest and (-)/ a pains down her left arm. The/ A pains really scared her.
5. With the/ (-) bronchitis, there's the/ a cough which can last for (-)/ a days but with no breathlessness.
6. A/ (-) asthma affects the/an increasing number of the/ (-) people in a/the population.

Activity 2: Complete the sentences using **the, a, an** or **zero article (-)**

_____ smoking is _____ main cause of _____ chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer. _____ NHS spends £1.7 billion per year caring for people with _____ smoking-related conditions. Government targets have been set to reduce _____ number of smokers in _____ UK, and health authorities have been allocated funding for _____ smoking cessation services.