

Articles



1. Complete the e mail with *a*, *an*, *the*, or - (=no article)

Sent: Friday, 8 July 16:13
To: Carola Whitney
Subject: **Re: Hello!**

Hi Carola

Thanks for your email. I would really like to write to you and practise my English.

I'm ¹ _____ student at Buenos Aires University – it's ² _____ biggest university in Argentina. I'm studying ³ _____ medicine. I live in Buenos Aires with my grandmother, ⁴ _____ my mother's mother, because my family live in ⁵ _____ small town quite far away, but I go ⁶ _____ home at ⁷ _____ weekend.

I love listening to ⁸ _____ classical music, and ⁹ _____ last week I went to ¹⁰ _____ amazing concert at ¹¹ _____ Opera House here.

2. Read the following explanation. Then complete the activities.

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1 a / an

A What's this? B It's a photo of my daughter. (5 37)

A What do they do? B Jim's a doctor. Sally's an engineer.

A How often do they have classes? B Three times a week.

2 the

Can you close the window, please?

Can you check their address on the internet?

It's the best restaurant I know.

3 a or the?

Let's have a pizza. The pizzas are very good here.

4 no article

Men are usually more interested in sport than women.

She's my mother's cousin. That's Tom's chair!

Jim goes to school by bus.

1 We use a / an

- to say what something is or what job people do.
- in expressions of frequency.

2 We use the

- when the speaker and hearer know the thing we are talking about: Close the window = the one that is open.
- when there is only one of something: the internet, the sun, etc.
- before superlative adjectives: the biggest, the best, etc.

3 We often use a the first time we mention a person or thing and then the the next time because it is now clear who or what we are talking about.

4 We don't usually use the

- when we talk about people or things in general: Men are more interested in sport than women. (general)
- The women in this class work harder than the men. (specific)
- before possessive 's. She's my mother's cousin. **NOT** She's the my mother's cousin.
- with the following:
 - meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner, etc.
 - places: work, school, university, bed, home, etc.
 - by + transport: go by car, travel by train, etc.

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a Circle the correct word or phrase.

- How much time do you spend on internet / the internet?
- My brother is at university / the university studying Maths.
 - I'd like cup of tea / a cup of tea, please.
 - We're going to visit my aunt at weekend / at the weekend.
 - We have English classes twice a week / twice week.
 - I love reading novels / the novels.
 - Yolanda is best / the best student in our class.
 - My mum's lawyer / a lawyer.
 - He's the man / a man that I told you about yesterday.
 - Can you open a door / the door for me, please?
 - He had breakfast / the breakfast late this morning.

b Complete with *the*, *a* / *an*, or –.

- I'm going to buy a new laptop next week.
- What time do you finish _____ work?
 - We usually go to the cinema once _____ month.
 - _____ children behaved very badly yesterday.
 - Lorena doesn't like _____ dogs.
 - I want to be _____ engineer when I finish studying.
 - _____ sun came out so we went for a walk.
 - Can you pass _____ salt, please?
 - My mum chose _____ most expensive dessert.
 - Last year we went on holiday by _____ train.
 - This is Joanne. She's _____ very good friend.