

UNIT 11 : OUR GREENER WORLD

Lesson 2: Articles

A. THEORY

Remember

Articles

a

Indefinite articles

an

Indefinite articles

the

definite article



A / AN

- Used for objects that are not specific or one of several things of a similar type
- Used the first time we introduce an object

E.g. I need **a** phone.

E.g. I saw **a** movie last night.



THE

- Use for specific objects or objects that both the speaker and listener know
- Used when we mention the object again

E.g. Can you give me **the** books on the table?

E.g. **The** movie is based on a real-life incident.



B. EXERCISE

I. Choose the correct article for each blank.

- Danny wanted _____ new bicycle for Christmas
A. a B. an C. the
- Jennifer tasted _____ birthday cake her mother had made.
A. a B. an C. the
- The children have _____ new teacher called Mr. Green
A. a B. an C. the
- All pupils must obey _____ rules
A. a B. an C. the
- Dad turned on _____ radio to listen to _____ news
A. a B. an C. the
- Alex is in Boston studying for _____ MBA
A. a B. an C. the
- The teacher read _____ interesting article from the newspaper.
A. a B. an C. the
- There was _____ huge crowd of people outside the church

A. a B. an C. the

9. Julie talked for _____ hour about her school project

A. a B. an C. the

10. _____ European expert was invited to speak to the committee

A. a B. an C. the

II. Complete the blank with a suitable article.

1. _____ boys like playing with cars.

2. _____ Amazon is South America's largest river.

3. I never listen to _____ radio. In fact, I haven't even got _____ radio.

4. What _____ amazing idea he had yesterday evening.

5. _____ rich should do more to help _____ poor.

6. My dad always liked to go to _____ school.

7. Did you see the film on _____ television or at _____ cinema?

8. There's half _____ litre of milk left in _____ fridge.

9. _____ Uncle Norman and _____ Aunt Lydia stayed with us over the weekend.

10. Austria was ruled by _____ Habsburgs for many centuries.

11. Dad told us to go to _____ bed at ten.

12. What's _____ highest mountain on _____ earth?

13. I met _____ few American tourists when I was in Italy.

14. _____ earth moves around _____ sun every 365 days.

15. _____ Soviet Union was _____ first country to send _____ human being into _____ space.

16. I had to stay in _____ hospital for two weeks in order to recover.

17. _____ oranges and apples have a lot of vitamins.

18. This is _____ most wonderful present I've ever had.

19. _____ President Bush is from Texas.

20. I'm not very hungry. I had _____ big breakfast

III. Complete the blank with "a", "an", "the", or "Ø" if it is not necessary

1. We had _____ very nice meal. _____ cheese was exceptionally good.

2. Are you interested in _____ science or _____ music?

3. They got married but _____ marriage wasn't very successful.

4. Do you know any of _____ people who live across _____ road?

5. After _____ work the boss usually invites his staff to _____ pub.

6. When mom was ill _____ lot of her friends came to _____ hospital to visit her.

7. Many people hate _____ violence, but they like to watch it in _____ movies.

8. Have you ever visited _____ Madame Tussaud's in London?

9. _____ life would be difficult without _____ useful machines and gadgets we have

today.

10. I'm on _____ night duty this week.
11. I know someone who wrote _____ book about _____ American presidents.
12. _____ World War II ended in 1945.
13. _____ fumes of cars and factories are _____ primary reasons for _____ air pollution.
14. He was _____ unsuccessful musician when he came to this town.
15. Don't stay in that hotel. _____ beds there are very uncomfortable.
16. The car sped away at _____ hundred km _____ hour.
17. John doesn't usually go to _____ church on _____ Sundays.
18. He was sent to _____ prison for _____ murder.
19. At _____ beginning of his speech he spoke about _____ tourism in general.
20. We usually go by _____ train, but today we're taking _____ bus.

III. Complete the blank with "a", "an", "the".

1. I went sailing around _____ Lake Geneva
2. I've been living in _____ London for six years
3. _____ Danube runs through many European cities
4. Wild horses live in _____ Gobi Desert
5. _____ Pacific Ocean has many different types of fish
6. I love swimming in _____ Mediterranean
7. We spent our holiday on the shore of _____ Lake Windermere
8. _____ Nile is a very beautiful river
9. She stayed in _____ Belgrade for several weeks
10. Her husband comes from _____ California
11. They studied the geology of _____ Sahara Desert
12. They crossed _____ Black Sea by boat
13. He has always wanted to visit _____ Rome
14. She lived in _____ Asia for several years
15. _____ Tuscany has many beautiful cities
16. I spent a year travelling around _____ Europe
17. Her village is near _____ Lake Titicaca
18. Would you like to visit _____ South America?
19. They live near _____ Thames
20. I think _____ Cornwall is a very beautiful part of England

IV. Choose the correct answer.

1. We are looking for _____ place to spend _____ night.
A. the/the B. a/the C. a/a D. the/a
2. Please turn off _____ lights when you leave _____ room.
A. the/the B. a/a C. the/a D. a/the

3. We are looking for people with _____ experience.
A. the B. a C. an D. x
4. Would you pass me _____ salt, please?
A. a B. the C. an D. x
5. Can you show me _____ way to _____ station?
A. the/the B. a/a C. the/a D. a/the
6. She has read _____ interesting book.
A. a B. an C. the D. x
7. You'll get _____ shock if you touch _____ live wire with that screwdriver.
A. an/the B. x/the C. a/a D. an/the
8. Mr. Smith is _____ old customer and _____ honest man.
A. An/the B. the/an C. an/an D. the/the
9. _____ youngest boy has just started going to _____ school.
A. a/x B. x/the C. an/x D. the/x
10. Do you go to _____ prison to visit him?
A. the B. a C. x D. an
11. _____ eldest boy is at _____ college.
A. a/the B. the/x C. x/ a D. an/x
12. Are you going away next week? No, _____ week after next.
A. an B. a C. the D. x
13. Would you like to hear _____ story about _____ English scientist?
A. an/the B. the/the C. a/the D. a/ an
14. There'll always be a conflict between _____ old and _____ young.
A. the/the B. an/a C. an/the D. the/a
15. There was _____ collision at _____ corner.
A. the/a B. an/the C. a/the D. the/the
16. My mother thinks that this is _____ expensive shop.
A. the B. an C. a D. x
17. Like many women, she loves _____ parties and _____ gifts.
A. the/ a B. a/the C. a/a D. x/x
18. She works seven days _____ week.
A. a B. the C. an D. x
19. My mother goes to work in _____ morning.
A. a B. x C. the D. an
20. I am on night duty. When you go to _____ bed, I go to _____ work.
A. a/x B. a/the C. the/x D. x/x

V. Complete the blank with "a", "an", "the", or "Ø" if it is not necessary

1. There was _____ knock on _____ door. I opened it and found _____ small dark man in _____ blue overcoat and _____ woolen cap.
2. He said he was _____ employee of _____ gas company and had come to read _____ meter.
3. But I had _____ suspicion that he wasn't speaking _____ truth because _____ meter readers usually wear _____ peaked caps.
4. However, I took him to _____ meter, which is in _____ dark corner under _____ stairs.
5. I asked if he had _____ torch; he said he disliked torches and always read _____ meters by _____ light of _____ match.