

Mạo từ được dùng khi *television* có nghĩa là ‘một chiếc máy truyền hình’

Can you turn off the television, please?

(Làm ơn tắt dùm tivi?)

f. Mạo từ thường được dùng với *raido*, *cinema* và *theater*.

I always listen to the radio/listen to the news on the radio while I'm driving.

(Tôi luôn nghe radio/nghe tin tức trên radio trong khi lái xe.)

How often do you go to the cinema?

(Bạn có thường đi xem phim không?)

g. Không dùng **the** trước tên riêng ở dạng sở hữu cách.

The car was parked on front of Tim's house.

(Chiếc ô tô đậu trước nhà Tim.)

[NOT ...~~the~~ Tim's house]

Nhưng **the** có thể được dùng trước danh từ sở hữu

The woman in red is the boss's wife.

(Người phụ nữ mặc đồ đỏ là vợ của sếp.)

## EXERCISES

### 1) Insert “a”, “an” or “the” where necessary.

1. .... friend of mine has two dogs and ..... cat.
2. Put your bag in ..... back of ..... car.
3. Which is ..... quickest way to ..... Start Hotel?
4. It is ..... pity that ..... friends you spoke of have not come.
5. Would you like ..... cup of ..... tea and ..... cake?
6. It is better to tell ..... truth than to tell ..... lies.
7. We had ..... dinner together at ..... good restaurant yesterday.
8. ..... Thames, ..... Seine and ..... Rhine are famous rives.
9. ..... mothers often tell ..... small children ..... stories before bedtime.
10. I dislike ..... towns but I love ..... countryside.
11. Where is ..... hat that I bought yesterday?
12. Smith, ..... man you met yesterday, is ..... honest man.
13. ..... cheese, ..... butter, ..... iron, and ..... milk are all substances.

14. .... Alps are ..... highest mountains in ..... Europe.
15. He crossed ..... Atlantic in ..... record time.
16. It's ..... shame! There won't be another train for at least hour.
17. Stay a ..... hotel or ..... inn near ..... station.
18. ..... wool is one of ..... chief exports from ..... Australia.
19. I had ..... lunch with ..... old friend on ..... Saturday.
20. ..... hope springs eternal in ..... human breast.
21. What ..... wether! ..... rain hasn't stopped all ..... day!
22. Out of ..... sight, out of ..... mind.
23. He collects ..... butterflies, ..... stams and ..... matchboxes.
24. ..... cat caught ..... mouse yesterday but ..... lucky mouse escaped.
25. I like ..... lot of ..... milk in my tea, and ..... few lumps of ..... sugar.
26. He came to see me ..... last week and said it was last opportunity he would have.
27. In ..... last week of ..... year we had ..... lot of snow.
28. ..... nature is more wonderful than ..... works of ..... man.
29. He works all ..... day and very day from ..... morning till late at ..... night.
30. He asked for ..... bread and ..... butter: ..... loaf of ..... former and ..... pound of ..... latter.
31. He works hard by ..... day and sleeps soundly at ..... night.
32. He won ..... prize of ..... hundred pounds and spent it all in ..... week.
33. He became ..... soilder and proved to be ..... good soilder.
34. ..... life is ..... education in itself.
35. He is ..... man for ..... job! None other can do it so well.

## 2) Choose the best answer

1. (*A language/Language*) is unique to humans.
2. We are looking for people with (*an experience/experience*).
3. To press clothes you need (*an iron/iron*).
4. (*A play/Play*) is more natural for children than adults.
5. He kept his money in (*a tin/tin*) under the bed.
6. She has been looking for (*a work/work*) for ages.
7. (*A charity/Charity*) begins at home.
8. In her youth she was (*a beauty/beauty*).