Grammar

3 **Here is a more detailed list of guidelines for using articles.**

We use 'a' or 'an'...

A. When we talk about one thing (which is a countable noun). *Have you got a car? There's a mouse in my bedroom.*

B. For jobs. *He's a doctor. She's an actress.*

We use 'the'...

C. With superlative adjectives. *the richest man the oldest of all*

D. When there is only one of something. *the moon the president*

E. When we have already mentioned something. *He has a house.* ***The*** *house is...*

F. Before seas, rivers, hotels, museums and newspapers. *the Nile, the Times*

We don't use articles...

G. When talking about plural and uncountable nouns in general. *I like oranges*

H. Before cities, streets and languages. *Paris, Spanish*

I. With meals (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner). *It's time for lunch.*

J. We usually don't use articles before countries. *China, Spain*
(However, we use 'the' for a few countries: *the United Kingdom, the U.S.A.*)

K. With some places. *at home go to work go to school*

L. With some forms of transport. *by car by bus*

4 Complete the sentences by adding *a, an, the,* or *x* (no article), and then write the rules A–L next to each sentence.

1. What do you usually have for _x_ dinner? *I*
2. I love _____ animals.
3. He has got a cat and two dogs. _____ cat is really cute.
4. Miranda goes to _____ work by _____ car.
5. She lives on _____ island in _____ Mediterranean Sea.
6. They have three children, _____ boy and two girls. _____ boy is five, and _____ girls are seven and four.
7. Steve is _____ translator. He speaks _____ Russian, Spanish and French.
8. Don't look directly at _____ sun.
9. _____ London is _____ most beautiful city I've been to.

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