

Unit 8

Grammar

**1 Articles**

Using articles correctly is very difficult, even for advanced learners. Here are some general guidelines.

**We should ask: Do we know which one/ones the writer means?**

**Yes.** Use **'the'**.

*Did you bring **the money**? Did you enjoy **the film**? Please give me **the keys**.*

**No.** Use **'a/an'** for singular countable nouns.

*He went to **a park**. Let's watch **a film**. Is there **a bank** near here?*

Use **no article** for plural nouns and uncountable nouns.

*She's afraid of **dogs**. She loves listening to **music**.*

**2 Essay: A Day in the Life of a Dog**

Complete the essay by writing articles (*a, the* or *x* for 'no article') in the short gaps, and words from the box in the longer gaps.

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My name is Snowy and I am \_\_\_\_ dog. I get up at about six o'clock in the morning. I eat \_\_\_\_ breakfast and \_\_\_\_\_. I go outside and play with a dog friend that lives next door. Sometimes we chase \_\_\_\_ cats. I don't eat lunch. My \_\_\_\_\_ father, Mark, eats three times \_\_\_\_ day, but he gives me two meals. He says I am too fat.

In the afternoon I sleep under \_\_\_\_ tree in our garden. The \_\_\_\_\_ of my day is going for \_\_\_\_ walk. When Mark gets home from \_\_\_\_ work, he takes me to our local park. We play with a ball or a Frisbee. We go back \_\_\_\_ home at six and eat dinner. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ gives me a bath in the \_\_\_\_\_. I go to sleep at about nine o'clock. I am very \_\_\_\_\_ that I have such a good life.