ARTICLES

In pairs, read the dialogue and decide whether each gap should be *a / an*, *the* or – (no article). Write your answers.

Leah What are you up to at [1]_____ weekend, Toby?

Toby I'm going to go for [2]_____ bike ride on Saturday. Do you fancy coming too?

Leah I can't, I'm afraid. I'm going to help my dad with some gardening. We're going to do some work for a neighbour.

Toby That doesn't sound like [3]_____ best way to spend your weekend. Gardening is [4]_____ hard work! And according to the forecast, [5]_____ weather isn't going to be good.

Leah I know. But [6]_____ neighbour is going to pay us for it. And my dad's [7]_____ gardener, so he's got all the right tools.

Toby Really? I'll come and help you. I mean, if that's OK with you and your dad ...

Leah Sure. We'll share [8]_____ money with you: £10 [9]_____ hour. But what about [10]_____ bike ride?

Toby I'll go on Sunday instead. The weather will probably be better then. Do you want to come?

Leah Yes, please. I love [11]_____ bike rides. But let's go in [12]_____ afternoon. I'll be exhausted when I wake up!

1.06 Listen and check your answers.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Study the use of articles in the dialogue. Complete the Learn this! box with *a / an*, *the* or – (no article).

LEARN THIS! Articles

a We use [1]_____ when we mention something for the first time and [2]_____ when we mention it again.

b We use [3]_____ when it is clear what we are talking about, when there is only one of something, and in superlatives.

c We use [4]_____ to say what someone's job is.

d We use [5]_____ when we make generalisations.

e We use [6]_____ to mean 'per' or 'in each'.

f There are set phrases which do not follow a rule. go home

go to school *at* [7]_____ *weekend* *watch TV*
go to the cinema *in* [8]_____ *morning / afternoon*
on Monday *listen to the radio* at __ night
on __ table by __ bus on ____ bus

Complete the sentences with *a / an*, *the* or – (no article). Use rules a–f in the Learn this! box to explain your answers.

1 My mum is _____ violin teacher. In fact, she's _____ only violin teacher in our town.
2 If you like _____ tennis, there's _____ sports centre next to _____ town hall. You can hire courts for £5 _____ hour.
3 I love _____ Chinese food and there's _____ great Chinese restaurant near my house.
4 _____ student in my class is having _____ party on _____ Saturday. I can't go to _____ party because I'm going to _____ theatre.
5 My brother, who is _____ accountant with one of _____ largest companies in London, earns £100 _____ hour.
6 If you're hungry, there's _____ sandwich in _____ fridge.

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