

5B Homework

1 GRAMMAR articles: *a / an, the*, no article

a Complete the sayings with *a, an, the*, or nothing (-).

- 1 A penny saved is a penny earned.
- 2 _____ actions speak louder than _____ words.
- 3 It's _____ small world!
- 4 _____ time waits for no man.
- 5 Don't worry. It's not _____ end of _____ world!
- 6 That's _____ life!

b Correct any mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases. Check (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 She's **best** boss we've ever had in this office.
_____ *the best* _____
- 2 He always comes home from **the work** at about six o'clock. _____
- 3 **That's a beautiful jacket** . I especially like the color.

- 4 I **left the home** when I was 16. _____
- 5 My sister's taking a course to become **a electrician** .

6 Have you read **the book I gave you** ?

7 **What cold day!** You would think it was winter.

8 **Health and happiness** are more important than money. _____

9 They usually go to the movies about **twice the month** . _____

10 Did you see the press conference with **a president of the UN**? _____

11 We're hoping to visit the Science Museum **the next Friday** . _____

3 READING

a Read the text. Which paragraphs (1–16) talk about these things?

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| home interiors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| clothes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| housework | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| technology | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| children | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| cars and driving | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

b Read the sentences. Which paragraph in the text do they correspond to?

- A Men need more CDs than women.
- B Men are very good at sleeping when something needs to be done.
- C Men cannot do two things at the same time.
- D Men don't have much sense of color.
- E Men aren't vain.
- F Women are good at caring for children.
- G Men are very quick at shopping for some things.
- H Men don't understand things unless you explain them very carefully.
- I Men don't care about home decoration.
- J Women never forget important dates.

c Match the **highlighted** words in the text to the correct meaning.

- 1 how much there is of something _____
- 2 without difficulty _____
- 3 a piece of cloth that you use to cover a window _____
- 4 finish, be all used up _____
- 5 a set of clothes that you wear together _____

The differences between women and men

Men say ...

- 1 Women understand color. They seem to know what to wear all the time. Men just think "Red is nice, pink is nice, so why not have them together?"
- 2 Men have no opinions about sofas and **curtains**.
- 3 Men like to have all their high-tech stuff (CDs, DVDs, etc.) on show to impress their friends. Women like to hide things in cabinets.



- 4 Men appreciate the importance of a 42-inch plasma screen television. Women do not.
- 5 Women enjoy planning a wedding.
- 6 A man can choose and buy a pair of shoes in 90 seconds.
- 7 Men can drive without having to look at themselves in the mirror.
- 8 Women remember every **outfit** they have worn for the past two decades. Men can't remember what they were wearing yesterday without looking on the floor next to the bed.



Women say ...



- 9 On being told that someone has bought a new car, women usually ask what color it is. Men ask what make it is.
- 10 Women notice when the laundry detergent is going to **run out** and buy some more. Men just say "Oh, we've run out of laundry detergent."
- 11 Women know instinctively what is dangerous or not recommended for babies in their care. Men, generally speaking, do not.
- 12 Women remember birthdays, anniversaries, and appointments **effortlessly**.
- 13 Men need everything explained **IN CAPITAL LETTERS**.
- 14 Men can put an infinite **amount** of trash in the bin without noticing it is full.
- 15 Men have the capacity to sleep through most sounds, especially the baby crying.
- 16 Men cannot watch sports and talk to their wives at the same time.

4 HOW WORDS WORK connectors

Check (✓) the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a Men read a lot of science fiction, while women prefer detective novels.
- b Women are interested in fashion, while today a lot of men are too.
- 2 a Jane works very hard. On the other hand, she never takes a vacation.
- b Jane works very hard. On the other hand, she takes a long vacation every summer.
- 3 a According to my father, I look like my great-grandmother.
- b According to the weather, we'll either go out or stay in.
- 4 a When I woke up it was raining. However, the sun came out later.
- b When I woke up it was raining. However, it rained all day.
- 5 a My job is really boring, and it's also very well-paid.
- b My job is really boring, and it's also quite stressful.

5 VOCABULARY verbs and adjectives + prepositions

Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 We were thinking of going to Australia on vacation, but now we're worried about the cost.
- 2 I'm not very good _____ waiting _____ buses. I always take a taxi in the end!
- 3 "Is Sheila's job the same as yours?" "No, I work _____ a personal assistant, but she's an accountant."
- 4 He's very different _____ his wife. She's interested _____ sports but he prefers listening _____ music.
- 5 "What are they talking _____?" "I'm not sure, but they definitely disagree _____ each other."
- 6 I've written _____ my friend and asked _____ her help.
- 7 "Has he always been so bad _____ math?" "No, in fact he used to work _____ a bank!"
- 8 She wanted to go to Brazil, but she's afraid _____ flying.
- 9 She's going to apply _____ a job in the US.
- 10 "How are they going to pay _____ their new car?"
"They've borrowed the money _____ the bank."