EXERCISE 4 GENERIC NOUNS

GRAMMAR NOTE 5 Write two sentences about each noun, using the correct forms of the words given. In sentence *a*, use zero article + the plural. In sentence *b*, use the definite article. Add necessary articles and prepositions along with the word *that*.

1. Mountain gorilla

   a. Mountain gorillas are great apes that inhabit forest areas in three central African countries.
   (be / great ape / inhabit forest areas in three central African countries)

   b. The mountain gorilla is a critically endangered species.
   (be / critically endangered species)

2. African elephant

   a. _____
   (be / very large mammal / inhabit forests, woodlands, and desert areas in many parts of Africa)

   b. _____
   (be / endangered species)

3. California condor

   a. _____
   (be / very large land bird / became extinct in the wild in 1987)

   b. _____
   (be / critically endangered species)

4. wheel

   a. _____
   (be / circular device / turn around a central point)

   b. _____
   (be / invented 5,000 to 6,000 years ago)

5. telephone

   a. _____
   (be / communication device / convert sound signals into waves)

   b. _____
   (be / invented in 1878 by Alexander Graham Bell)

6. guitar

   a. _____
   (be / stringed instrument / typically have six strings)

   b. _____
   (be / invented in the 1400s in Spain)

7. clarinet

   a. _____
   (be / woodwind instrument / use reeds)

   b. _____
   (be / invented around 1700 in Europe)

8. library

   a. _____
   (be / place / lend people books to read)

   b. _____
   (be / important institution in every town or city)

9. eye

   a. _____
   (be / part of the body / allow us to see)

   b. _____
   (be / vulnerable to injury)