

3. Another word like a possessive adjective may be used instead of the article or vice versa.

Example: The new island of Surtsey is its ideal natural laboratory
 A B C
 for scientists.
 D

The best answer is (C). The indefinite article *an* meaning "one" must be used.

Example: Coral reefs are limestone formations composed of
 A B
 tiny sea organisms and the remains.
 C D

The best answer is (D). The possessive adjective *their* must replace the definite article *the* to show its reference to sea organisms.

Exercises on Articles

From the four underlined words or phrases (A), (B), (C), or (D), identify the one that is not correct.

- The watt is named after James Watt, the British engineer who developed
 A B
 the steam engine in 1760s.
 C D
- Methane is a odorless burning gas and is the main ingredient of
 A B C
 natural gas.
 D
- The alcohol acts as a narcotic on the nervous system and the brain.
 A B C D
- Zachary Taylor was first president to be elected from a state west of
 A B C
 the Mississippi River.
 D
- Barnacles, which are related to lobsters, shrimp, and crabs, make
 A B C
 strongest glue.
 D
- In the 1860s Louis Pasteur discovered that bacteria in air caused
 A B
 the perishable food to go bad.
 C D

7. Land covers almost third of the earth's surface, of which two-thirds is too cold or too dry for farming.
A B C D
8. "Old Faithful" in the Yellowstone National Park is probably the world's most famous geyser.
A B C D
9. Thermographs are special pictures that show the variation in heat emitted by different areas of body.
A B C D
10. The world's fastest animal is cheetah, but if birds are included, the fastest of all animals is the spine-tailed swift.
A B C D
11. The most of the energy used in our homes and factories is generated from coal, oil, and natural gas.
A B C D
12. Soybeans were first grown in the Orient and brought to the Western world during the World War Two.
A B C D