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Articles and other words before nouns

both/all; a/the; zero article

In this unit you learn about using articles (**a** and **the**) before nouns. You also learn about using **both** and **all, every, other, another** and **no** before nouns.

Some uses of *a* and *the*

You use **the** when

- it is clear which person or thing you are talking about:

  ***The street's** very empty tonight.*
  *I put **the keys** on **the fridge**.*

- there is only one of these people or things:

  *I saw **the president** on TV yesterday.*
  ***The moon** is very bright tonight.*

You use **a** when

- you have not talked about something before:

  *I saw **a good film** yesterday.*
  *I think I need **a new phone**.*

- you say what jobs people do:

  *My brother's **a famous footballer**.*
  *She's training to be **a doctor**.*

Sometimes there is no article before a noun

She's	at work, at home	I'm going to	work
	in bed		bed
	at school, college, university		school, college, university
	in hospital		hospital
	in prison		prison
	in church		church

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She's at	**the** cinema **the** theatre **the** bank **the** post office **the** doctor's, etc.

*My aunt's not very well. She's **in hospital**.*
*I'll be **at school** until 6 p.m. today.*
*Anna's going **to the cinema** this evening.*

> *Remember!*
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> *He goes **to school** at 8 a.m.*
> *He gets **home** at 6 p.m.*

Words used to express quantity (how much)

You use **both** and **all** before a plural noun. You only use **both** to describe two people or things.

*I watched two DVDs last night. They were **both** fantastic.*
*I really want to go to the party. **All** my friends will be there.*
*He spent **all** his money at the shopping centre.*

You use **every** before a singular noun.

*We go to Spain on holiday **every** year.*

You use **another** before a singular noun and **other** before a plural noun. You can use words like **some**, **any**, **many** and **lots of** before **other**.

*Would you like **another** drink?*
*Don't worry. There'll be **some other** people you know there.*
*Have you visited **any other** countries?*

> *Remember!*
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> **no** and **any**
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> ***I haven't got any** time to do my homework.* (negative verb)
> ***I've got no** time to do my homework.* (positive verb)

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Exercise 1

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

1 Madrid is _____ capital of Spain.

2 It was [a] _____ beautiful morning. [b] _____ sun was shining.

3 There's _____ very pretty cat in the garden. I've never seen it before.

4 Her brother's in [a] _____ army and her sister's [b] _____ lawyer.

5 Is there _____ supermarket near here, do you know?

6 Could you turn off all _____ lights when you leave the room, please?

Exercise 2

Choose the correct word or words.

1 What time do you go to **the work / work**?

2 I think you should go to **dentist's / the dentist's**.

3 Mark was ill and had to go to **hospital / the hospital**.

4 You look tired. I think you should go to **bed / the bed** early.

5 We often go to **the theatre / theatre** in London.

6 I need to go to **post office / the post office**.

Exercise 3

For each question, tick the correct answer, as shown.

1 Does your little girl go to
- ☐ the school yet?
- ☑ school yet?

2 We wanted to see a new film, so we went to
- ☐ the cinema.
- ☐ cinema.

3 After school, I want to go to
- ☐ the university in the United States.
- ☐ university in the United States.

4 We have to get up early and drive to
- ☐ airport.
- ☐ the airport.

5 Last week we went to
- ☐ theatre.
- ☐ the theatre.

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Exercise 4

Put each sentence into the correct order.

1 all / ate / my / my brother / food / .

_____

2 like / those / dresses / both / I'd / .

_____

3 see / my / I / weekend / parents every / .

_____

4 house every / went / boys / the / to Josh's / day / .

_____

5 all / broke / the chef / the / eggs / .

_____

6 other / home / sister / my / is / at / .

_____

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

1 That coffee was so good! Could I have _____ cup, please?

2 I don't like him, but the _____ people in my class think he's OK.

3 I don't like this pen. Is there _____ one I can use?

4 This cake is delicious! May I have _____ piece, please?

5 The sun's so hot here. Let's cross to the _____ side of the road and walk under the trees.

6 This is very heavy. Please use _____ your hands to carry it.

Exercise 6

Complete the sentences by writing one word in each gap.

any | no | another | every | some | other

1 I don't have _____ money.

2 Could I borrow _____ money, please?

3 I don't like this cheese so much. I prefer the _____ one.

4 She gave a present to _____ child in the class.

5 There's coffee, but I'm afraid there's _____ milk.

6 This is a difficult exercise. May I have _____ five minutes, please?

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