

1 GRAMMAR articles

a Complete the sayings with *a*, *an*, *the*, or no article (–).



- 1 All you need is ____ love.
- 2 He's ____ man of his word.
- 3 ____ women are from Venus; ____ men are from Mars.
- 4 ____ time waits for no man.
- 5 Don't worry! It isn't ____ end of ____ world!
- 6 That's ____ life!
- 7 It's ____ small world!
- 8 ____ actions speak louder than ____ words.

b Complete the sentences with *the* where necessary.



- 1 ____ Mount Aconcagua is in *the* ____ Andes in Argentina.
- 2 There are 50 states in ____ USA.
- 3 ____ M1 motorway was closed yesterday because of floods.
- 4 ____ Royal Lancaster Hotel is near ____ Hyde Park in London.
- 5 ____ Dodecanese are a group of islands situated in ____ Aegean Sea.
- 6 ____ Lake Victoria is the largest lake in ____ Africa.
- 7 ____ Panama Canal connects the Atlantic Ocean to ____ Pacific Ocean.
- 8 The toy industry in ____ China is the biggest in the world.

c Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.

- 1 *The church* in my village dates back to the 15th century. ✓
- 2 My grandfather is *in the hospital* having an operation. X *in hospital*
- 3 *The university* in my town has a very good reputation. _____
- 4 Daisy is taking advantage of the time her children are *at the school* to do an online course. _____
- 5 *The prison* is on the outskirts of the city. _____
- 6 Somebody broke into my parents' house while they were *at the church*. _____
- 7 We caught the bus from the stop *near the hospital*. _____
- 8 My boyfriend is *at the university*. He's studying architecture. _____
- 9 The man has *gone to the prison* for the crimes he committed when he was younger. _____
- 10 My brother teaches *at the school* he went to when he was a child. _____



d Read the text. Circle a, b, or c.



Five words that made history

At the 2018 Golden Globe Awards, actress and TV presenter Oprah Winfrey was awarded the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement. Here is an extract from the memorable speech she made during the award ceremony.

In 1964, I was ¹ _____ little girl sitting on the linoleum floor of my mother's house in ² _____ Milwaukee, watching Anne Bancroft present the Oscar for Best Actor at ³ _____ 36th Academy Awards. She opened the envelope and said five words that literally made ⁴ _____ history: ⁵ _____ winner is Sidney Poitier. Up to the stage came ⁶ _____ most elegant man I had ever seen. I remember his tie was white and, of course, his skin was black. And I'd never seen ⁷ _____ black man being celebrated like that. And I have tried many, many, many times to explain what ⁸ _____ moment like that means to a little girl, a kid watching from the cheap seats as my mom came through the door, bone tired from cleaning ⁹ _____ other people's houses. But all I can do is quote and say that ¹⁰ _____ explanation's in Sidney's performance in *Lilies of the Field*, 'Amen, amen. Amen, amen.'

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2 VOCABULARY collocation: word pairs

a Match questions 1–10 to responses a–j.



- 1 Did you hear the storm last night? h
 - 2 Do you think I should accept the job? _____
 - 3 Why are you moving to the country? _____
 - 4 Why has the shop sold out of bread? _____
 - 5 How was your meeting? _____
 - 6 What did you do while you were waiting at the hospital? _____
 - 7 Why does water boil when you heat it? _____
 - 8 What should I do about the argument I had with my sister? _____
 - 9 Why is the playground closed? _____
 - 10 My bike was stolen because I forgot to lock it up. _____
- a I'd forgive and forget if I were you.
 b Oh well, you live and learn, I suppose.
 c I paced backwards and forwards in the corridor.
 d You need to weigh up the pros and cons to help you make a decision.
 e It's the law of cause and effect.
 f I guess it's a question of supply and demand.
 g Short and sweet – it only lasted ten minutes.
 h Yes, the thunder and lightning woke me up.
 i We're looking for some peace and quiet.
 j For health and safety reasons.

- b Find the word pairs in the list and link them with *or*. Then complete the sentences.

alive all dead later less more never
nothing now once rain right shine
sooner twice wrong

- The criminal was wanted dead or alive and there was a \$500 reward for his capture.
- She goes jogging every morning, _____.
- I'm not sure if this answer in my maths homework is _____.
- Patricia is about to leave, so it's _____ – I may not get another chance to ask her out.
- It's _____ with Sue; either she calls every day or you don't hear from her for weeks.
- I've been skiing _____, but I'm not very good at it.
- Nathan has _____ finished his homework – all he has to do now is to print it out.
- There's no point waiting – I'll have to tell John the truth _____.

- c Complete the word-pair idioms.

- We only take a few *bits* _____ and *pieces* _____ with us when we go on holiday.
- I'm s _____ and t _____ of having to tidy up after my children.
- B _____ and I _____, I'd say I had a happy childhood.
- She's fine now, but it was t _____ and g _____ whether she would survive the operation.
- The streets were very dangerous because of the lack of l _____ and o _____ in the city.
- We arrived s _____ and s _____ after a difficult three-day journey through the mountains.
- I've no idea what we're having for my birthday lunch because my wife told me to w _____ and s _____.
- We go to the cinema n _____ and a _____, but more often than not, we just watch a film on TV.

3 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the missing vowels in the words and phrases.

- A speaker doesn't have to be a comedian to include a little wit in his or her speech.
- Salespeople need to have the g _ ft of the g _ b to sell as many products as possible.
- That politician is very good at making memorable s _ _ nd b _ t _ s when he talks to journalists.
- Winston Churchill was famous for being a great _ r _ t _ r who made powerful speeches.

4 PRONUNCIATION pausing and sentence stress

- a 10.2 Listen to a talk about an interesting place to visit. Mark the pauses.

Good morning, and thank you for coming. I'm here to talk about an interesting place to visit in my country. I'm going to tell you about the city of Bath in the south-west of England. Bath is on the River Avon, and it has one of the only bridges in the world with shops on either side. The city is famous for its ancient Roman Baths, which can still be visited today. It has many beautiful streets, such as the Royal Crescent and the Circus. Bath is full of museums, independent shops, and wonderful places to eat and drink. The city is easily accessible from London by train, and it is perfect for a day trip or a weekend break.



- Practise giving the talk, pausing and trying to get the right rhythm.
- Now write your own talk about an interesting place to visit in your country. Mark the pauses.
- Read your speech. If you can, record it on your phone and send it to your teacher.