

Articles: A/An, The, -

Read the Theory and solve.

7.1 Articles 1

A Complete this text using the articles *a* or *the*.

Frank Leonard – Private Eye

When private investigator Frank Leonard got back to his office, there was 1 woman waiting for him, 2 woman he had never seen before. Or at least, he thought he had never seen her before, but when 3 woman began to speak, he felt that there was something familiar about her. 'My name is Toyah Hart,' she said, offering him 4 business card. 'I'm 5 dancer,' she said, smiling in 6 way that made Frank highly suspicious. She clearly wasn't 7 person she said she was, he decided instantly. He looked at 8 card closely and then took 9 file out of his desk. He opened 10 file. It was full of papers and photographs. He took 11 photograph out of it and placed it on 12 desk so that 13 woman could see it. She looked briefly at 14 photograph and 15 smile that had been on her face disappeared. 'OK,' she said, her voice hardening, 'let's talk business.'

B Complete this text by filling the gaps with *a* or *the*.

Newspapers in Britain

An enormous number of people in Britain read 1 national newspaper every day. Some have 2 newspaper delivered to their home, while others buy one from 3 shop, usually a newsagent. 4 paper that people choose to read is 5 paper which they feel corresponds with their own interests, often with regard to their political opinions.

There are basically two kinds of national newspaper in Britain: the 'broadsheets' and the 'tabloids'. Broadsheets focus on 6 news and serious social

matters; tabloids focus more on 7 latest gossip and scandal concerning famous people. *The Sun*, which is 8 tabloid, is 9 daily newspaper with 10 highest sales figures. Some people are critical of 11 approach taken by the tabloids, saying that they have 12 bad effect on society. Nevertheless, 13 fact that so many people buy them shows that there is 14 big demand for 15 kind of story they print.

D For the following sentences, fill the gaps with *a*, *an* or *the*, or put a dash (–) into the gaps if it is correct to leave them blank.

- 1 Don't lose hope! I'm sure that things will get better.
- 2 Ken feels that job satisfaction is more important than money.
- 3 Many people feel that violence is a big problem in society.
- 4 You need both determination and luck to succeed in that profession.
- 5 I read interesting article about changes that have been happening in climate in this country recently.
- 6 Many people don't trust politicians because all they want is power.
- 7 This used to be job that only men did, but now women do it, too.
- 8 They're protesting because they want democracy, freedom and human rights.
- 9 What surprise! I didn't expect you to buy me present.
- 10 She finds work she has to do quite easy; boredom is her biggest problem.
- 11 I think life must be terrible struggle if you haven't got enough money to buy things that you need.

- 12 You take life too seriously – there's a place for fun, too!
- 13 To achieve success in some careers often depends on support of friends and family.
- 14 Passing exams is not simply matter of knowledge or intelligence; techniques you use are also important.
- 15 TV documentaries don't interest him; programmes he likes are purely for entertainment.
- 16 I told Head of Department that I had bad cold and couldn't go to meeting that day.
- 17 She has never liked authority; she won't take orders and she hates discipline.
- 18 Be careful what you say – strangers find it difficult to understand sense of humour in this region.
- 19 What wonderful music this is and what amazing songs they write! I think they are group I like best of all.
- 20 I never discuss religion or politics; it always leads to arguments.

7.2 Articles 2

C Complete these sentences using *the* if it is required and a preposition if one is required. It may be correct to put nothing (–) in the gap.

- 1 She's very ill and she's been hospital for a couple of weeks.
- 2 Which subjects did you study when you were university?
- 3 The police caught him and he is prison now.
- 4 I go church every Sunday.
- 5 Whereabouts in the city is university?
- 6 prison here was built centuries ago.
- 7 The ambulance took the injured people nearest hospital.
- 8 Church has a big influence on the community in that place.
- 9 I met him when we were in the same class school.
- 10 I found bed in my hotel room rather uncomfortable.
- 11 I came home and went straight bed.
- 12 I went hospital to visit a friend.

D Complete these sentences using *the* if it is required. It may be correct to put nothing (–) in the gap.

- 1 I haven't been to cinema for ages.
- 2 The tourists arrive by ferry.
- 3 It's too far to walk, so we'll go in car.
- 4 It says that public do not agree with what government is saying on that subject.
- 5 I travelled around the country on train.
- 6 He's not very good at physics but he's very good at Spanish.
- 7 I don't know anything at all about cricket – what are the rules?
- 8 He plays saxophone in a local group.
- 9 Sometimes it's true that rich get richer and poor get poorer.
- 10 Did you know that poker is my favourite card game?
- 11 They usually play dance music in that club.
- 12 We were sitting next to each other on plane.

Teacher Daniela.

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Done**

