2 Articles: *a/an* before noun phrases

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

1 a The company has captured a significant share of the market.
  b The company has captured significant share of the market.
2 a I think they are also right to certain extent.
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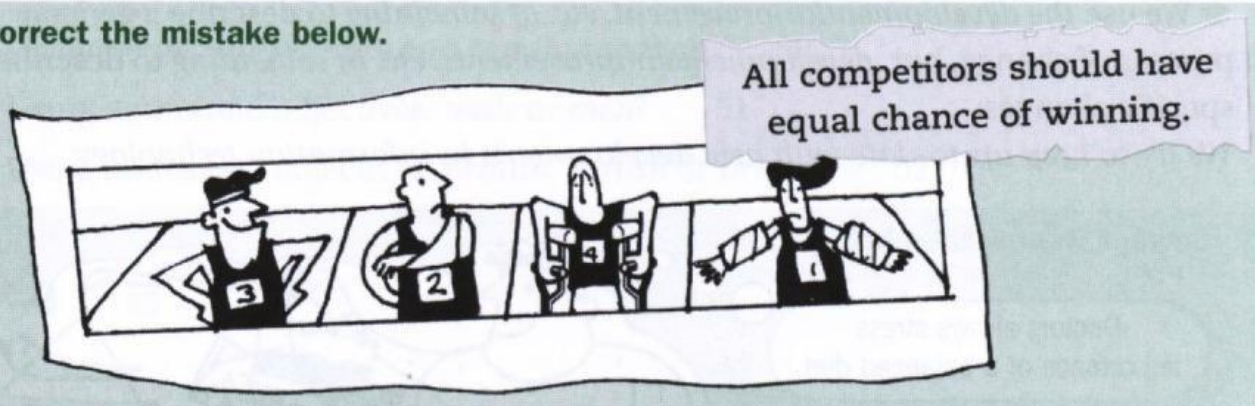
Don't forget to include *a/an* before an adjective + singular noun combination:
*He clearly has **a good understanding** of the issues.*
*Many students have **a part-time job** while studying.*

Notice the position of adverbs (*very, really, quite*, etc.) in these phrases:
*We have **a very high percentage** of women working in senior government posts.*
*There was **a really good atmosphere**.*
*In my view, this is **quite a strong argument**.*

Some common noun phrases to be careful with:

- *to a certain extent/degree: I agree with you **to a certain degree**.*
- *a wide range/variety: We have **a wide range of** books to choose from.*
- *a(n) large/small/equal number/amount: **an equal number of** men and women*
- *a high/large/small/greater proportion/percentage: **a small proportion of** patients*
- *a long time: I haven't seen her for **a long time**.*

2 Correct the mistake below.



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3 Use the words below in the same order to form correct sentences, adding any necessary articles or prepositions.

1 Only / small / number / troublemakers / were / responsible for / problems.
2 Computers / play / very / important / role / education / nowadays.
3 She / can't / afford to / study / full-time / basis.
4 Teenagers / should be / allowed / greater / degree / freedom.
5 They / have / slightly / different / approach to / studying.
6 We / had / one-week / intensive / training / course.
7 There / has been / gradual / increase / number / thefts.
8 They / offer / quite / wide / variety / courses.

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