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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.
b I think they are also right to a certain extent.

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.



All competitors should

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.