2.5 GRAMMAR

Articles

I can use articles to refer to specific nouns and to make generalisations.

1 **Read the text and complete the table.**



The Tomatina is a festival in Spain. The festival happens every August in Buñol – on the last Wednesday in August. Buñol is a small town near Valencia. Thousands of people go to the festival every year. At the Tomatina, people go to the main square and they throw tomatoes! They squash the tomatoes first, so they don't hurt anyone. It's messy but lots of fun!

The Tomatina Festival

What	1 _____
Where	2 _____
When	3 _____

2 **Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS and underline the articles in the text.**

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Articles

You use ***a/an***:

- with a singular noun when it is one of many things/ people:
  Buñol is a small town. (There are many towns in Spain)
- when you mention something for the first time:
  It's a festival in Spain.

You use ***the***:

- when you talk about a specific thing that everybody knows:
  People go to the main square. (= a specific place)
- when you mention something for the second time:
  It's a festival in Spain. The festival happens every August.

There's **no article (Ø)**:

- when you speak in general:
  Do you like tomatoes? I hate cheese.
- with days of the week or months, names of places or countries: *in Buñol, in August.*

3 1.55 **Read the text and choose the correct option. Then listen and check.**



The Battle of the Oranges is 1 *the / a* food festival. It happens every year in 2 *Ø / an* Ivrea. Ivrea is 3 *a / the* town in the north of Italy. At 4 *the / a* festival, nine teams of people throw 5 *Ø / the* oranges. Thousands of people take part! 6 *Ø / The* oranges are not from Ivrea – they are from the south of Italy. Each year, people throw about 265,000 kilos of 7 *Ø / the* oranges!

4 **Complete the text with *a/an*, *the* or *Ø*.**



The Hokitika is 1 a festival in 2 _____ New Zealand. It takes place every year in 3 _____ March. 4 _____ festival is about 5 _____ wild food – food you fi nd in 6 _____ countryside. You can't buy wild food in 7 _____ supermarket! At 8 _____ festival, you can try 9 _____ different kinds of wild food, for example, crocodile. It's 10 _____ popular festival and thousands of people go!

5 SPEAKING **Discuss the questions.**

1 Which festival would you like to go to? Why?
2 Do you know any other food festivals? What happens there?

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