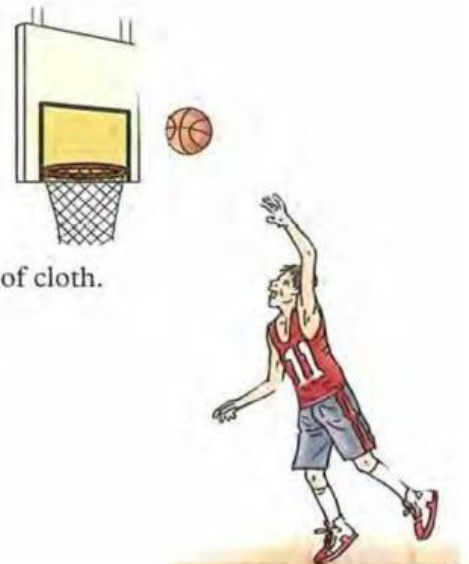


Add *a/an* if necessary. Write $\emptyset$ if the noun is noncount. Capitalize as necessary.

1. A bird has wings.
2. An animal needs a regular supply of food.
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3. $\emptyset$ food is a necessity of life.
4. tennis is a sport.
5. tennis player has to practice long hours.
6. island is a piece of land surrounded by water.
7. gold is a metal.
8. bridge is a structure that spans a river.
9. health is one of the most important things in life.
10. adjective is a word that modifies a noun.
11. tree needs water to survive.
12. water is composed of oxygen and hydrogen.
13. knowledge is a source of power.
14. homework is a necessary part of a course of study.
15. grammar is interesting and fun.
16. sentence usually contains a subject and a verb.
17. English is used in airports throughout much of the world.
18. air is free.
19. fruit is good for you.
20. orange is green until it ripens.
21. iron is a metal.
22. iron is an appliance used to take wrinkles out of cloth.
23. basketball is round.
24. basketball is a sport.



Complete the sentences with **a**, **an**, or **some**.

1. The teacher made an announcement.
2. I saw a bird.
3. I saw some birds.
4. Rosa borrowed some money from her uncle.
5. I had _____ accident.
6. I have _____ homework to do tonight.
7. There is _____ table in the room.
8. There is _____ furniture in the room.
9. There are _____ chairs in the room.
10. My father gave me _____ advice.
11. Sonya is carrying _____ bag.
12. Sonya is pulling _____ luggage.
13. There was _____ earthquake in California.
14. I got _____ letters in the mail.
15. Helen got _____ letter from her mother.
16. Mr. Alvarez got _____ mail yesterday.
17. A computer is _____ machine that can solve problems.
18. The factory bought _____ new machinery.
19. _____ machines are powered by electricity. Some use other sources of energy.
20. I threw away _____ junk.
21. I threw away _____ old basket that was falling apart.
22. I threw away _____ old boots that had holes in them.



Complete the dialogues with **a**, **an**, or **the**. Capitalize as necessary.

1. A: I have an idea. Let's go on a picnic Saturday.
B: Okay.
2. A: Did you have fun at the picnic yesterday?
B: Sure did. And you?
3. A: You'd better have _____ good reason for being late!
B: I do.
4. A: Did you think _____ reason Mike gave for being late was believable?
B: Not really.
5. A: Where's my blue shirt?
B: It's in _____ washing machine.
A: That's okay. I can wear _____ different shirt.
6. A: I wish we had _____ washing machine.
B: So do I. It would make it a lot easier to do our laundry.
7. A: Have you seen my boots?
B: They're in _____ closet in _____ front hallway.

8. A: Can you repair my car for me?
B: What's wrong with it?
A: _____ radiator has _____ leak, and one of _____ windshield wipers doesn't work.
B: Can you show me where _____ leak is?



9. A: What happened to your bicycle? _____ front wheel is bent.
B: I ran into _____ parked car when I swerved to avoid _____ big pothole.
A: Did you damage _____ car?
B: A little.
A: What did you do?
B: I left _____ note for _____ owner of _____ car.
A: What did you write on _____ note?
B: My name and address. I also wrote _____ apology.

Complete the sentences with **a**, **an**, **the**, or **Ø**. Capitalize as necessary.

1. We need to get _____ new phone.
2. Alex, would you please answer _____ phone?
3. _____ people use _____ plants in _____ many different ways. Plants supply us with oxygen. They are a source of _____ lifesaving medicines. We use plant products to build _____ houses and to make _____ paper and _____ textiles.
4. The biggest bird in the world is the ostrich. It eats just about anything it can reach, including _____ stones, _____ glass, and _____ keys. It can kill _____ person with one kick.
5. In _____ recent newspaper article, I read about _____ Australian swimmer who was saved from _____ shark by _____ group of dolphins. When _____ shark attacked _____ swimmer, _____ dolphins chased it away. They saved _____ swimmer's life.



6. I heard on the radio that there is _____ evidence that _____ dolphins suffer in captivity. Dolphins that are free in _____ nature live around 40 years. Captive dolphins live _____ average of 12 years. It is believed that some captive dolphins commit _____ suicide.
7. Look. There's _____ fly walking on _____ ceiling. It's upside down. Do you suppose _____ fly was flying rightside up and flipped over at the last second, or was it flying upside down when it landed on _____ ceiling?