

Articles, *will* and *going to*

I can use articles and talk about plans and predictions.

1 Read the dialogue. Tick the correct answers.

- Paddy** What are you doing at ¹ weekend?
Ellie I'm going caving. There's ² great place for it in the mountains near my uncle's house.
Paddy It's ³ dangerous hobby, isn't it?
Ellie Not really. My uncle is ⁴ rock climbing instructor. He says ⁵ caving is safer than ⁶ climbing.
Paddy I'd love to learn how to climb.
Ellie My uncle could teach you, but he charges £25 ⁷ hour.
Paddy I can't afford that. But I think there's ⁸ indoor climbing wall in town. I could practise there.

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| 1 ☐ a | ☐ the |
| 2 ☐ a | ☐ no article |
| 3 ☐ a | ☐ the |
| 4 ☐ a | ☐ no article |
| 5 ☐ the | ☐ no article |
| 6 ☐ the | ☐ no article |
| 7 ☐ an | ☐ no article |
| 8 ☐ an | ☐ the |

2 Complete the text with *a / an, the*, or no article (–).

This man is inside ¹ a cave. He's ² professional caver, but he's still feeling nervous. Why? Because ³ cave is much bigger than it looks. In fact, it's ⁴ deepest cave in the world. It's called ⁵ Krubera Cave, and it's near ⁶ Black Sea. It is ⁷ only cave on Earth that is more than 2 km deep. Caves like this are fascinating places for ⁸ explorers because there are always new parts to discover. In 2005, ⁹ Ukrainian caver called Alexander Klimchouk organised ¹⁰ expedition into the cave. ¹¹ expedition involved 56 people and went deeper than 2 km. In 2012, a Ukrainian diver called Gennady Samokhin went even deeper by diving down through the muddy water at ¹² bottom.

3 Circle the ending that is more natural.

- 'There's somebody at the door.' 'OK,
a I'm going to answer it.'
b I'll answer it.'
- 'These boxes are too heavy. Look out –
a I'm going to drop them!'
b I'll drop them!'
- 'Would you like something to drink?' 'Yes,
a I'm going to have a glass of water, please.'
b I'll have a glass of water, please.'
- 'Show me your picture. I promise
a I'm not going to laugh.'
b I won't laugh.'
- 'What are your plans for the afternoon?'
a 'I'll stay in and watch TV.'
b 'I'm going to stay in and watch TV.'
- 'We're going to the Caribbean this year.
a It will be my first visit.'
b It's going to be my first visit.'
- 'I've forgotten my pencil case.' 'Don't worry,
a I'll lend you a pen.'
b I'm going to lend you a pen.'
- 'That's a fantastic pass!
a They'll score a goal!'
b They're going to score a goal!'
- 'I'm going to the cinema tonight.' 'Really?
a What will you see?'
b What are you going to see?'

4 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *will* or *going to* and the verbs in brackets.

- Jack** I ¹ (go) ice skating on Saturday evening with Luke. Would you like to come?
Annie Yes, please. Where ² (you / meet)? At the ice rink?
Jack No, at the bus stop near my house.
Annie I live really near to the ice rink, so I ³ (see) you there. What time?
Jack Six o'clock in the evening. I think it ⁴ (be) quite busy.
Annie Yes, definitely. It's more expensive on Saturday evenings, isn't it?
Jack Don't worry. I ⁵ (get) a ticket for you. I've got some vouchers, so it ⁶ (not cost) too much.
Annie Thanks! I ⁷ (see) you on Saturday, then.
Jack At six o'clock.
Annie I ⁸ (not be) late, I promise.

