Grammar 2 articles

1 For each rule, write 'I' if you need an indefinite article, 'D' for a definite article and 'N' if there is no article used.

1 When we talk about something or someone we have mentioned before _____
2 When we say which thing or things we mean _____
3 When we talk about people or things in a general way _____
4 When we talk about someone or something for the first time _____
5 When we use proper names _____
6 When we talk about instruments _____
7 When the other person already knows what we are talking about _____
8 When we talk about someone's job _____
9 When we talk about the names of rivers, deserts and mountain ranges _____
10 When we talk about something that is unique _____

2 Now match the rules (1–10) in Exercise 1 with these examples.

a Then the woman walked up to us and started talking. _____
b I'm going climbing in the Andes this summer. _____
c Oranges are my favourite fruit. _____
d Did you enjoy the book? _____
e There was a young woman opposite me. _____
f My brother can play the piano. _____
g The films I like the most are her early ones. _____
h I'd like to go and see the midnight sun one day. _____
i Jenny's a teacher. _____ and _____

3 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

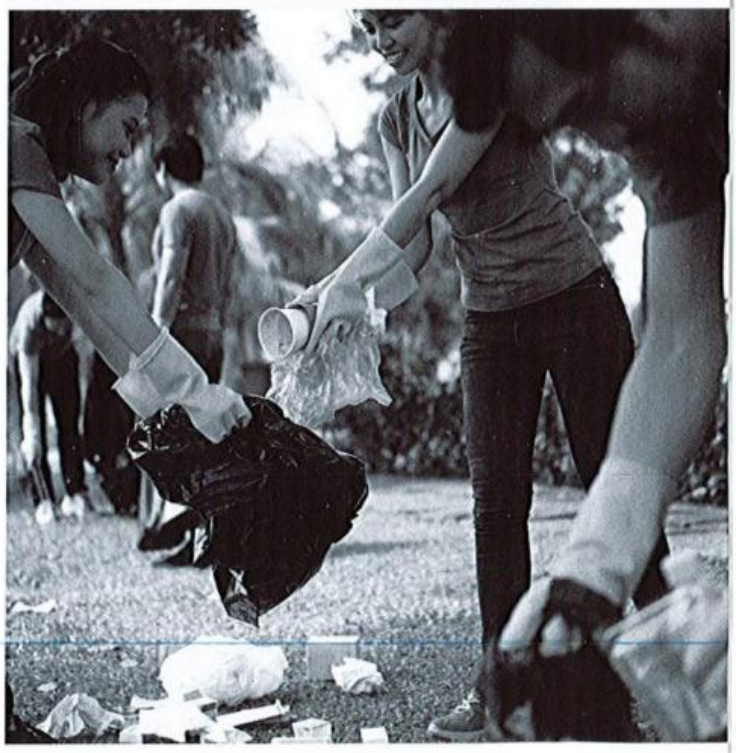
1 I have *a* / - breakfast at 7 a.m.
2 Do you know *a* / *the* time?
3 She's *a* / *the* nurse at our local hospital.
4 I have *a* / - problem I wanted to discuss with you.
5 We don't use *the* / - books or *the* / - photocopies in our class – just *a* / - materials from *the* / - internet.
6 Can I ask you *a* / *the* favour?
7 I'd love to visit *the* / - Angel Falls.
8 Fish in *the* / - Pacific are dying because of all *the* / - plastic bags in *the* / - sea.

4 Correct the mistakes with the articles where necessary. Two sentences are correct.

1 We cycled through valley before lunch.
_____
2 I'd like to go to the Moon one day.
_____
3 My brother is doctor.
_____
4 The rivers around here are so dirty.
_____
5 She plays a guitar in a band.
_____
6 That's a new head teacher at my school.
_____

5 Complete the text with *a, an, the* or –.

It's easy to set up [1]_____ local group to do something about [2]_____ climate change and [3]_____ environment. First you need to identify [4]_____ exact problem you are worried about. Is it all [5]_____ rubbish you find in [6]_____ sea or [7]_____ plastic that is used in [8]_____ shops? You then need to let people know about [9]_____ group. You could send [10]_____ emails, but these days [11]_____ social media is better. Finally, you need to set up [12]_____ meeting to discuss your group's name and what you want to achieve.



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