

Men, women, and children

Men want to be a woman's first love. Women like to be a man's last romance.
Oscar Wilde, Irish writer

G articles: a / an, the, no article

V collocation: verbs / adjectives + prepositions

P /ə/, two pronunciations of the

1 GRAMMAR articles

a Circle the correct words.

- 1 Yesterday was *hottest* / the hottest day of the year so far.
- 2 We went to Paris for my birthday *last weekend* / *the last weekend*.
- 3 I think *girls* / *the girls* are better at learning *languages* / *the languages* than *boys* / *the boys*.
- 4 Did you lock *door* / *the door* when you left *house* / *the house* this morning?
- 5 My sister is married to *German* / *a German*. He's *engineer* / *an engineer*.
- 6 I don't usually like *fish* / *the fish*, but *salmon* / *the salmon* we had last night was delicious.
- 7 We go to *cinema* / *the cinema* once a week / *the week*.
- 8 Don't worry! It's not *the end* / *end* of *the world* / *world*.
- 9 Do you think *women* / *the women* are more sensitive than *men* / *the men*?
- 10 What *beautiful day* / *a beautiful day*! Let's have *lunch* / *a lunch* in the garden.

b Correct any mistakes in the highlighted phrases. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 That's lovely dress – the colour suits you. a lovely dress
- 2 He's going to visit his parents the next weekend.
- 3 The money doesn't make people happy.
- 4 My grandfather left school when he was 14.
- 5 I go to the dentist about twice a year.
- 6 Have you worn jacket that you bought last week?
- 7 That was one of the best meals I've ever had.
- 8 What noisy child! Where are his parents?
- 9 Alex is studying to become doctor.
- 10 I love cats, but my boyfriend doesn't like them.
- 11 Her husband sits in front of the TV all day.
- 12 She always leaves the work at half past five.

c Complete the text with *a / an, the* or *-* (no article).

DNA

the reason women
see colours better
than men

Why are women generally able to see ¹ _____ colours better than men? Scientists say there is ² _____ reason for this, and ³ _____ reason is in our DNA. Our chromosomes contain DNA, which controls many things about us. The ability to see ⁴ _____ colour red is carried by the X chromosome. Men have only one X chromosome, but ⁵ _____ women have two of them. This means that it's easier for women to see red. This was important in prehistoric times when women were looking for ⁶ _____ fruit to eat. They needed to choose ⁷ _____ right fruit, so they had to be able to see ⁸ _____ difference between different colours. If they made ⁹ _____ mistake, they could kill their families and themselves. So, it was more important for women to see different colours, while men had ¹⁰ _____ other important skills.

