

# Lesson 7A

GRAMMAR | articles: *a, an, the*, zero

VOCABULARY | skills and qualities

PRONUNCIATION | weak forms: *a, an, the*

## VOCABULARY

### skills and qualities

1 A Match (1–6) to (a–f) to make sentences.

- 1 My daughter is really good with
  - 2 I don't like busy offices. I prefer working
  - 3 James doesn't mind giving presentations. He's always relaxed in
  - 4 Mrs Ryan can never remember
  - 5 To be a shop assistant you need to work well
  - 6 Do you like working
- a animals. She wants to be a vet when she's older.  
b outside?  
c alone from home.  
d with other people.  
e people's names!  
f front of people.

B Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 Every Friday I **write** / draw / drive a weekly report for our team in India.
- 2 This app can **play** / draw / translate text from Polish to English.
- 3 Can you **type** / draw / play a musical instrument?
- 4 Bronwyn can **read** / fix / type very fast. She writes fifty words a minute.
- 5 You can only do this job if you can **drive** / make / read a lorry.
- 6 Our company **plays** / designs / writes furniture .

C Complete the job adverts with the missing words.

#### Music teacher

We're looking for someone who:

- can <sup>1</sup> ..... two or three instruments.
- can <sup>2</sup> ..... classes from Monday to Friday.
- is <sup>3</sup> ..... in front of other people.

#### Computer specialist

We need someone who can <sup>4</sup> ..... computers, <sup>5</sup> ..... reports on computer problems and can <sup>6</sup> ..... well with other people.

#### Fashion designer

This is an interesting job for someone who <sup>7</sup> ..... clothes and is good with their <sup>8</sup> ..... The job is busy and you need to work <sup>9</sup> ..... hours. We are a French company in London, so we want someone who can <sup>10</sup> ..... from French to English, too.

## GRAMMAR

### articles: *a, an, the*, zero

2 A The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- 1 Can you take me to an airport tomorrow?  
a a                      b the                      c –
- 2 Maria wants to be a artist.  
a the                      b –                      c an
- 3 I usually leave the work at 6 p.m.  
a –                      b a                      c an
- 4 I was born in 1990s.  
a the 1990s              b a 1990s              c an 1990s

B Choose the correct words to complete the email.

Hi Adliela,

Yesterday I had <sup>1</sup>**a** / **the** really busy day at <sup>2</sup>**the** / – work. We had <sup>3</sup>– / **a** meeting in <sup>4</sup>**the** / – morning, but I had to finish writing <sup>5</sup>– / **a** report first, so I was late. <sup>6</sup>**A** / **The** meeting was boring. It was four hours! I don't mind <sup>7</sup>– / **a** meetings, but I hate long ones! I didn't have time to have <sup>8</sup>**a** / – lunch because I had to write <sup>9</sup>**an** / – email to my manager in the afternoon. When the day finished, I went home by <sup>10</sup>– / **the** bus, but <sup>11</sup>**the** / **a** bus was late, so I only got home <sup>12</sup>**at** – / **the** eight o'clock.

I hope tomorrow is better!

C Complete the sentences with *a, an, the* or – (no article).

- 1 ..... bus was late, so I came by ..... taxi.
- 2 Do you like ..... fruit? Would you like ..... apple or ..... pear?
- 3 I sometimes study ..... English late at ..... night.
- 4 We live in ..... city centre, next to ..... main square.

## PRONUNCIATION

3 A 7.01 | weak forms: *a, an, the* | Listen to the sentences and write what you hear.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

B 7.01 | Listen again and pay attention to the weak forms of *a, an* and *the*. Then listen again and repeat.

## READING

**4A** Read the article quickly. Match the jobs (a–f) with the paragraphs (1–4). There are two jobs that don't need.

- a delivery driver
- b website designer
- c house sitter
- d online teacher
- e upcycling artist
- f tour guide

**B** Read the article again and answer the questions.

Which job ...

- 1 pays you well?
- 2 can help to make you healthy?
- 3 gives you a place to live?
- 4 can make you hungry?
- 5 sometimes includes animals?
- 6 involves changing something?
- 7 do you share what you know?
- 8 do you need old objects?

**C** Read the article again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 A house sitter sometimes needs to look after **people / pets / students**.
- 2 It's a(n) **difficult / interesting / dangerous** way to make money.
- 3 Online teaching is a good job if you like working **alone / with people / outside**.
- 4 Online teachers **can / can't** make good money.
- 5 Upcycling artists need to work **outside / with people / with their hands**.
- 6 An upcycling artist makes money by **reading / selling / writing** things.
- 7 A delivery driver always works long **hours / outside / in a restaurant**.
- 8 Delivery drivers **need / don't need** to have some food before they work.

Do you need some extra money? A job you can do in the evenings or at weekends? Here are some unusual ideas you can try.

**1** .....

Sometimes, if people on holiday, they want a person to live in their house or flat so they know it's safe. This job is quite easy and it can be long or short – you can stay for many months or one night! It helps if you're good with animals, because people often have a dog, cat or plants for you to look after. It's also fun, because you can live in lots of interesting places.

**2** .....

Do you know a lot about a school subject or have an interesting hobby? A lot of people enjoy learning new skills, or need to study more to pass an exam. Maybe you can help them. You need to work well with people and you can't usually work outside, but the money is good.

**3** .....

In this job, you find old things that people don't want or need (e.g. a broken chair or an old box), fix them and make them look better. This is called 'upcycling'. You can then sell the things online or at a market. It's a great job if you like art and want to change rubbish into something interesting!

**4** .....

Restaurants and cafés always need people to deliver their food to hungry customers. You sometimes need to work long hours, but it's a great way to work outside and do exercise at the same time. Always have something to eat before you ride your bike though, or you can be very hungry when you finish!

