

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.

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

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

DNA the reason women see colors better than men

Why are women generally able to see ¹ _____ colors 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 _____ color 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 colors. If they made ⁹ _____ mistake, they could kill their families and themselves. So, it was more important for women to see different colors, while men had ¹⁰ _____ other important skills.

1 Complete the sentences with a, an, the or - for no article

1. Mum, where is _____ dog? I want to take it to _____ park.
2. A: Have you tried _____ tea Tim brought? B: No, I never drink _____ tea.
3. We are going to fly from _____ USA to _____ England.
4. Yesterday, I bought _____ book and some flowers for Linda, but I lost _____ book in my way home.
5. Can you turn off _____ lights and close _____ door, please?
6. If you go to _____ post office, could you bring me _____ envelope?
7. A: What did you eat for _____ dinner? B: I ate _____ soup that was left from yesterday.
8. She lives in _____ Scotland, which is part of _____ UK.

2 Complete the text with *a*, *an*, *the* or - for no article

Last Sunday, my family and I went to ¹ zoo; we go there at least once ² year. Before ³ alarm clock went off, ⁴ kids were already up and jumping in ⁵ living room – they are never up on ⁶ Monday mornings when they have to go to ⁷ school. Anyway, we had ⁸ breakfast very quickly and went out. It was ⁹ sunny day, which was lucky because, obviously, we all love ¹⁰ sunny days, and even more when we don't have to go to ¹¹ work. We got into ¹² taxi and I told ¹³ taxi driver where we were going. Everything was perfect. But very soon we realised that ¹⁴ traffic was horrible that day. We asked ¹⁵ taxi driver if he knew what was happening, but he had no idea. Then, we heard on ¹⁶ radio that there had been ¹⁷ accident a few blocks ahead of us. We had run out of luck.

Eventually, after two hours and ¹⁸ very expensive taxi fee, we were able to see

¹⁹ animals.