0.3 INTRODUCTION

Use articles to talk about cities and the countryside.

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1 Look at the **bold** words. Then match sentences 1–6 to rules A–F.



1 I love **turtles**. ___
2 Look at **the turtle** over there. ___
3 I'm **a teacher**. ___
4 We live in **a flat**. ___
5 **The flat** isn't very big. ___
6 What time do you go to **bed**? ___

We use *a / an* ...
A to talk about something for the first time.
B to say what someone's job is.

We use *the* ...
C when we mention something again.
D when it's clear what we're talking about, or when there's only one of something.

We don't use an article (–) ...
E when we make generalisations.
F in some set phrases.

2 Choose the correct alternative.
1 We're in Class 9E. **A / The / –** class is quite big.
2 Would you like **a / the / –** bike for your birthday?
3 Julia's in **a / the / –** hospital at the moment.
4 **A / The / –** river in Budapest is the Danube.
5 Ed wants to be **an / the / –** actor.
6 I think **a / the / –** school is fun.

3 Complete the dialogues with the correct article. Use *a*, *an*, *the* or – (no article).
A Who's [1]___ boy over there that Marc is talking to?
B He's called Piotr. He's [2]___ exchange student from Poland.
A Have you ever been to [3]___ live concert?
B No, I haven't. I'm not really into [4]___ live music.
A Let's get [5]___ sandwich for lunch.
B Good idea! [6]___ sandwiches in this café are always good.
A [7]___ weather here is often very hot in July.
B Oh, no! I hate [8]___ hot weather.

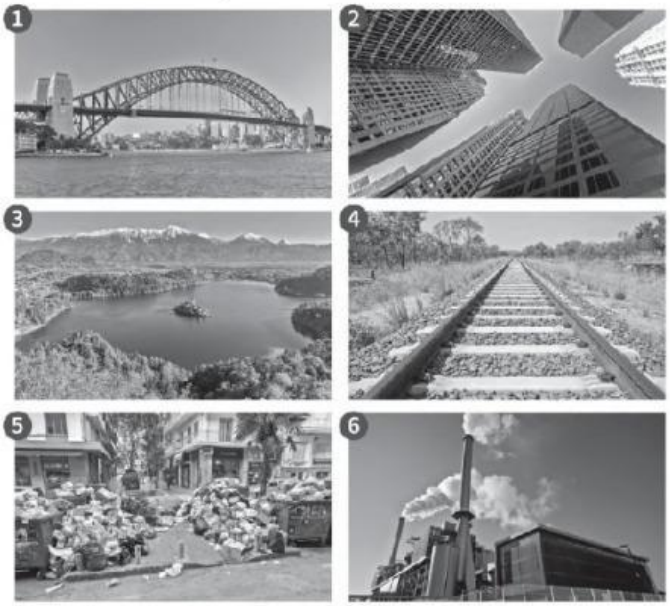
4 Complete the questions with *a*, *an*, *the* or –. Then write true answers.
1 Have you ever eaten ___ Seville orange?
_____
2 What do you think of ___ football?
_____
3 Have you ever swum in ___ ocean?
_____
4 Who is your favourite sportsperson in ___ world?
_____

5 Match the words below to the definitions.

desert farm hill square village wood

1 a very small place that's often in the countryside _____
2 an area that's higher than the land around it _____
3 a large, dry area with very few plants _____
4 an open area in town usually with four sides _____
5 an area of trees that's smaller than a forest _____
6 an area where people keep animals and grow crops _____

6 Look at the photos and complete the words.
1 b_____
2 o_____ b_____s
3 l_____
4 r_____y
5 r_____h
6 f_____y



7 Complete the text with the words below.

apartment beaches blocks islands Park river

Rio de Janeiro is a huge city in Brazil with more than six million people. Its name means 'January River' in Portuguese, but there isn't actually a [1]_____ in the city! Like most modern cities, Rio de Janeiro has many office [2]_____ and tall [3]_____ buildings. However, there are lots of green spaces too, like a big city forest called the Tijuca National [4]_____. Rio de Janeiro is also a city by the sea and it has two very famous [5]_____ – Copacabana and Ipanema. There are lots of [6]_____ in the sea too. One of them is called Ilha do Governador. The city's international airport is on the island!

8 Write the name of ...
1 a beach you like. _____
2 a river in a town or city near you. _____
3 a park near where you live. _____
4 a famous bridge. _____
5 an island you want to visit. _____

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