

USE OF ENGLISH 1

- 1 Read the grammar box. Can you think of some more examples of your own for each type of article?

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articles

- A** We can use *the* + adjective in a limited number of cases, to mean a particular group of people.
the rich (and famous), **the** poor, **the** young, **the** faint-hearted, **the** British, **the** French, etc.
- B** Zero article is normally used in front of uncountable nouns or plural nouns, unless we are referring to a specific case.
The ultimate place ... would be **hidden beaches**.
The beach I chose is in a fantastic cove ...
You need to have **passion** for the craft of writing.
You must work on **the quality of your writing**.
- C** *a/an* and *the* are often used in set phrases or expressions. These need to be learnt individually.
be over the moon, go on a couple of trips, it's a good idea to become an expert in a certain area, visiting new places gave me a buzz

- 2 What is your ideal kind of holiday? Why?
- 3 **e** Read the magazine article and choose the word that best fits each gap. Choose from 'a', 'an' or 'the' or zero article (-).

Why do people travel?



If you talk to ¹..... your friends or listen to ²..... other people planning trips, you'll soon realise that everyone has very different motives for ³..... travel. Some people like to choose places where they might bump into ⁴..... rich and famous on the beach, Mykonos in Greece, for example. Others want to drown themselves in ⁵..... art and ⁶..... history, as well as ⁷..... beauty of historical architecture such as you find in ⁸..... places like Rome and Venice. Or they might prefer ⁹..... 21st-century craziness and vibe of New York or Tokyo!

People who are into physical activities often choose ¹⁰..... particular destination because they want ¹¹..... challenge. They want to ride a motorbike across ¹²..... empty desert somewhere or cut their way through dangerous jungle undergrowth. The reasons for ¹³..... travel are endless. However, one thing is sure, in my opinion: you simply can't beat ¹⁴..... day on ¹⁵..... beach!

- 4 Complete the quiz by filling the gaps (1–10) with 'a', 'an' or 'the' or zero article (-) and writing your own D options. Then ask and answer your quiz questions in pairs and try to guess each other's perfect destination.

Quiz-time!

Where's your perfect destination?
Think about a place you would really like to travel to and answer the questions.

- 1 Why do you want to go there?
A to meet ¹..... people there
B to see ²..... country
C to learn ³..... language
D ?
- 2 What is special about it?
A It has ⁴..... fantastic food.
B I have ⁵..... relatives there.
C It's easy to get to.
D ?
- 3 What can you NOT say about it?
A It has a lot of ⁶..... culture.
B It's ⁷..... real shopping experience.
C There are loads of activities.
D ?
- 4 Which is true for you?
A I love ⁸..... hot places.
B I can't stand ⁹..... heat.
C ¹⁰..... beach parties are cool!
D ?

Speak up

- 5 What does your country have to offer visitors? Is it more a winter or a summer destination – or both? Discuss.



2 On the bucket list

USE OF ENGLISH 2

- 1 Quickly read the newspaper article about Everest.
 - Why did Alyssa fail twice to climb Everest?
 - What is the effect of mass tourism on the region?
- 2 Read the vocabulary box. Choose the correct collocations each time in the newspaper article.

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collocations (2)

Collocations can also be topic-related and this is another good way to learn them. Here are a few examples.

global warming, natural disaster, take risks, run into problems, foreign visitors, huge impact, local environment, bring in money, provide jobs, do a lot of harm

Facing Everest

In May 2016 at the age of 19, Alyssa Azar became the youngest Australian to climb Mount Everest. She had ¹run over / run into various problems before, caused by a series of ²natural / normal disasters, but she finally achieved her ³goal / hope on her third ⁴trial / attempt. She was always very careful and she knew that it was no ⁵worth / use taking ⁶risks / measures. She and her party were always prepared to turn back at the first ⁷opportunity / sign of any problem.

Many other people share Alyssa's desire to conquer Everest. However, ⁸major / mass tourism is now ⁹bringing / having a huge impact on the region and this may eventually ¹⁰create / cause severe damage to the ecology of the mountain. The area simply can't ¹¹cope / handle with 100,000 walkers and climbers every year. Perhaps people will have to think ¹²twice / before about following that ambition to climb the world's highest mountain?

- 3 Quickly read the text about Venice. What is the main problem that Venice is facing as a city?

exam tip: multiple-choice cloze

Read the text quickly first to get the general idea before you try to answer the questions. This will help you to 'get a feel' of the text and to choose the correct answers. Then check for possible collocations.

Read question 2 in Ex 4. Which verb collocates with the word 'with'? Try each of the alternatives to find the correct answer.

- 4 e Read the exam tip and answer the question. Then read the text again and choose the best answer, A, B, C or D.

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| 1 A time | B season | C group | D attraction |
| 2 A cope | B handle | C manage | D accept |
| 3 A Enormous | B Huge | C Large | D Mass |
| 4 A win | B make | C take | D work |
| 5 A result | B consequence | C impact | D conclusion |
| 6 A quality | B value | C importance | D worth |
| 7 A give | B produce | C prevent | D cause |
| 8 A fail | B destroy | C collapse | D finish |

Crisis in Venice!

Venice, as most people would agree, is one of the most romantic and attractive cities in the world. And it is still possible to have a lovely holiday there, preferably outside the main tourist ¹.....! However, residents are finding it increasingly difficult to ²..... with the 22 million visitors that invade their city every year. ³..... tourism has become a serious problem.

While it is true that many local inhabitants actually ⁴..... a living from tourism, it cannot be denied that the number of visitors is having a negative ⁵..... on the city. Both the ⁶..... of life of the residents and the buildings themselves are suffering. The giant cruise ships entering the lagoon make the water rush through the canals and ⁷..... damage to the buildings. If this continues, there is a real danger that Venice at some point will ⁸..... into the sea! This must not be allowed to happen, at all costs!