Articles Worksheet: A, An, The and No Article

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Remember

Form	Example
a / an: one of many, first mention, jobs	I saw a dog. She's an engineer.
the: we both know which one; unique things	The dog was huge. The sun, the internet
No article: general ideas, plurals and uncountables in general	I love music. Dogs are loyal.
Fixed phrases	go to work / bed / school · at home · by car · the cinema · the doctor

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
She is teacher.	She is a teacher.
I love the music.	I love music.
I go to the work by bus.	I go to work by bus.

1. Complete

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

1. She's _____ architect.
2. I have _____ idea!
3. Can you close _____ door, please?
4. _____ life is beautiful.
5. We had _____ great time in _____ Italy.
6. I bought _____ shirt and _____ jacket. _____ jacket was expensive.
7. He goes to _____ work by _____ bus.
8. _____ moon is very bright tonight.
9. It takes _____ hour to get there.
10. I don't like _____ coffee, but _____ coffee you made is good.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. She's (a / an) university student.
2. I play (the / –) tennis on Sundays.
3. He plays (the / –) piano.
4. (The / –) children love sweets.
5. Let's go to (the / –) cinema.
6. I'm (at / at the) home.
7. She lives in (the / –) United States.
8. (A / The) best way to learn is to practise.

3. Complete

Complete the text with a, an, the or – (no article).

1. Last week I went to _____ new restaurant near my office.
2. _____ restaurant was in _____ old building by _____ river.
3. I ordered _____ fish, and my friend had _____ omelette.
4. _____ waiter was very friendly.
5. In _____ general, I don't eat out much, but I'll go back.
6. We took _____ taxi home because it was _____ midnight.

Writing

Describe your street or neighbourhood in 6 sentences. Check every noun: does it need a, an, the or no article?

Speaking

- Describe your workplace or school: what is there and what is it like?
- What is the best meal you have ever had? Where was it?
- Talk about things you like and dislike in general (music, sport, food).
- Describe a room in your home, then ask your teacher to draw it from your description.

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 an · 2 an · 3 the · 4 – (no article) · 5 a … – · 6 a … a … The · 7 – … – · 8 The · 9 an · 10 – … the

2. Choose: 1 a · 2 – · 3 the · 4 – (in general) · 5 the · 6 at · 7 the · 8 The

3. Complete: 1 a · 2 The … an … the · 3 – (or the / some) … an · 4 The · 5 – (in general) · 6 a … –

Writing, model answer: I live in a quiet street near the centre. There is a small park at the end of the street and an old church opposite my building. The church is more than a hundred years old. On Saturdays there is a market in the park. People sell fruit, cheese and flowers. The best thing is the bakery on the corner.