

Articles (a, an, the) – Test 2



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Choose the correct answer for each question.

Part 1: A or an?

Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. I have _____ umbrella in my bag.
 A a B an C any D (no article)
2. Paolo eats _____ banana after school.
 A an B any C a D (no article)
3. It's _____ hour from my house to the airport.
 A a B (no article) C any D an
4. Mei is _____ university student.
 A a B an C (no article) D any
5. My father drives _____.
 A a old car B an old car C old car D an old cars
6. We have _____ English test on Friday.
 A an B a C any D (no article)
7. Zara has _____ new phone.
 A an B (no article) C a D any
8. Find the mistake: "There is an apple and a egg on the table."
 A There is B an apple C a egg D on the table
9. Daniel works in _____ office in the city centre.
 A a B any C (no article) D an
10. Choose the correct sentence.
 A She has a interesting book. B She has an interesting book.
 C She has interesting book. D She has an interesting books.

Part 2: A, an or the?

Choose the correct option to complete each sentence or answer each question.

11. Omar made a cake yesterday. _____ cake was delicious.
 A A B An C The D (no article)
12. "Where are my keys?" Choose the correct answer.
 A They're on a kitchen table. B They're on the kitchen table.
 C They're on kitchen table. D They're on an kitchen table.

13. Tokyo is _____ capital of Japan.
A a **B** the **C** an **D** (no article)
14. January is _____ first month of the year.
A a **B** an **C** (no article) **D** the
15. I drink tea in _____ morning.
A the **B** a **C** an **D** (no article)
16. Our flat is on _____ third floor.
A a **B** (no article) **C** the **D** an
17. My grandmother listens to _____ radio every evening.
A a **B** an **C** (no article) **D** the
18. Lina has _____ lot of friends at school.
A a **B** the **C** an **D** (no article)
19. I go swimming twice _____ week.
A the **B** (no article) **C** a **D** an
20. Find the mistake: "We watched a film last night. A film was very funny."
A We watched **B** a film **C** A film **D** very funny

Part 3: No article, negatives and questions

Choose the correct option. Sometimes the answer is no article.

21. Sara doesn't eat _____ meat. She's vegetarian.
A a **B** the **C** (no article) **D** an
22. After work, Maria goes _____ home.
A (no article) **B** a **C** the **D** an
23. They go to work by _____ bus.
A a **B** the **C** an **D** (no article)
24. There isn't _____ airport in my town.
A a **B** an **C** the **D** (no article)
25. Is this _____ easy exercise?
A a **B** the **C** an **D** (no article)
26. Choose the correct question.
A Do you want a apple or a pear? **B** Do you want an apple or an pear?
C Do you want a apple or an pear? **D** Do you want an apple or a pear?
27. There are _____ on the desk.
A a books **B** books **C** an books **D** book
28. My birthday is in _____ July.
A the **B** a **C** (no article) **D** an
29. Ben is from _____ Canada.
A (no article) **B** the **C** a **D** an
30. Find the mistake: "I watch the TV every evening after dinner."
A I watch **B** the TV **C** every evening **D** after dinner

Answer key – Articles (a, an, the) – Test 2

1 B	2 C	3 D	4 A	5 B	6 A	7 C	8 C	9 D	10 B
11 C	12 B	13 B	14 D	15 A	16 C	17 D	18 A	19 C	20 C
21 C	22 A	23 D	24 B	25 C	26 D	27 B	28 C	29 A	30 B

Explanations

- B** – 'Umbrella' starts with a vowel sound, so we use 'an'.
- C** – 'Banana' starts with a consonant sound, so we use 'a'.
- D** – The 'h' in 'hour' is silent, so the word starts with a vowel sound and takes 'an'.
- A** – 'University' starts with a 'you' sound, which is a consonant sound, so we use 'a'.
- B** – 'Old' starts with a vowel sound, so we say 'an old car', and 'car' is singular.
- A** – 'English' starts with a vowel sound, so we use 'an'.
- C** – The article goes with the next word. 'New' starts with a consonant sound, so we use 'a'.
- C** – 'Egg' starts with a vowel sound, so it should be 'an egg'.
- D** – 'Office' starts with a vowel sound, so we use 'an'.
- B** – 'Interesting' starts with a vowel sound, and we use a/an only with singular nouns, so 'an interesting book' is correct.
- C** – The cake is mentioned for the second time, so we use 'the'.
- B** – There is only one kitchen table in the house and both people know it, so we use 'the'.
- B** – A country has only one capital, so we use 'the'.
- D** – We use 'the' with 'first', 'second', 'last' and other order words.
- A** – 'In the morning' is a fixed phrase with 'the'.
- C** – We use 'the' with ordinal numbers such as 'third'.
- D** – We say 'listen to the radio' with 'the'.
- A** – 'A lot of' is a fixed phrase with 'a'.
- C** – To say how often something happens, we use 'a': 'twice a week'.
- C** – The film is mentioned for the second time, so it should be 'The film'.
- C** – 'Meat' is uncountable and used in a general sense here, so it takes no article.
- A** – We say 'go home' with no article.
- D** – We say 'by bus', 'by car' and 'by train' with no article.
- B** – In negatives we still use a/an with singular nouns, and 'airport' starts with a vowel sound.
- C** – 'Easy' starts with a vowel sound, so the question needs 'an'.
- D** – We say 'an apple' because of the vowel sound and 'a pear' because of the consonant sound.
- B** – We don't use a/an with plural nouns, and after 'There are' we need a plural noun.
- C** – We don't use an article with the names of months.
- A** – Most country names, like Canada, take no article.
- B** – We say 'watch TV' with no article.

Notes for teachers: Part 1 checks a and an. Learners often choose by spelling instead of sound, for example 'a hour' or 'an university'. Part 2 practises 'the' for second mention and in fixed phrases, and Part 3 covers places where English uses no article, such as countries, months, 'go home', 'by bus' and 'watch TV'. As a follow-up, ask learners to write five sentences about their day using at least one a, one an, one the and one phrase with no article.