

Exercises on Articles

1. Put in **a/an** or **the**.

1. We enjoyed our holiday. The hotel was very nice.
2. 'Can I ask a question?' 'Of course. What do you want to ask?'
3. You look very tired. You need _____ holiday.
4. 'Where's Tom?' 'He's in _____ bathroom.'
5. Jane is _____ interesting person You must meet her.
6. A: Excuse me, can you tell me how to get to _____ city centre?
B: Yes, go straight on and then take _____ next turning left.
7. A: Shall we go out for _____ meal this evening?
B: Yes, that's _____ nice idea.
8. Its' _____ nice morning. Let's go for _____ walk.
9. Amanda is _____ student. When she finishes her studies, she wants to be _____ journalist. She lives with two friends in _____ flat near _____ college where she is studying. _____ flat is small but she likes it.
10. Peter and Mary have got two children, _____ boy and _____ girl. _____ boy is seven years old and _____ girl is three. Mary works in _____ factory. Peter hasn't got _____ job at the moment.

2. Put in **a/an** or **the** where necessary.

1. Don't forget to turn off light when you go out. -----> turn off the light
2. Enjoy your holiday and don't forget to send me postcard. -----> _____
3. What is name of this village? -----> _____
4. Canada is very big country. -----> _____
5. What is largest city in Canada? -----> _____
6. I like this room but I don't like colour of carpet. -----> _____
7. 'Are you ok?' 'No, I've got headache.' -----> _____
8. We live in old house near station. -----> _____
9. What is name of director of film we saw last night? -----> _____

3. Put in **the** where necessary. Write *OK* if the sentence is already correct.

1. What is name of this street? -----> the name
2. What's on television tonight? -----> OK
3. Our apartment is on second floor. -----> _____
4. Would you like to go to moon? -----> _____
5. Which is best hotel in this town? -----> _____
6. What time is lunch? -----> _____
7. How far is it to city centre? -----> _____
8. We're going away at end of May. -----> _____
9. What are you doing next weekend? -----> _____
10. I didn't like her first time I met her. -----> _____

11. I'm going out after dinner. -----> _____
12. What's biggest city in world? -----> _____
13. My sister got married last month. -----> _____
14. My dictionary is on top shelf on right. -----> _____
15. We live in country, about five miles from nearest village. -----> _____

4. Complete these sentences. Choose from the list. Use **the** if necessary.

Capital dinner police lunch middle name sky television

1. We had dinner at a restaurant last night.
2. We stayed at a very nice hotel but I don't remember _____.
3. _____ is very clear tonight. You can see all the stars.
4. Did you see the film on _____ last night?
5. Somebody was trying to break into the shop so I called _____.
6. Tokyo is _____ of Japan.
7. 'What did you have for _____?' 'A salad.'
8. I woke up in _____ of the night.

(taken from Murphy, *Essential Grammar in Use* (CUP, 1997), p. 145&147)

Answer key:

Exercise 1

1. The
2. a
3. a
4. the
5. An
6. the; the
7. a; a
8. a; a
9. a; a; a; the; the
10. a; a; The; the; a; a

Exercise 3

1. the name
2. OK
3. on the second floor
4. to the moon
5. the best hotel
6. OK
7. the city centre
8. the end of May
9. OK
10. the first time
11. OK
12. the biggest city
13. OK
14. the top shelf on the right
15. the country,the nearest village

Exercise 2

1. turn off *the* light
2. send me *a* postcard
3. What is *the* name
4. *a* very big country.
5. *the* largest city
6. *the* colour of *the* carpet
7. I've got *a* headache.
8. in *an* old house near *the* station
9. *the* name of *the* director of *the* film

Exercise 4

1. dinner
2. the name
3. The sky
4. television
5. the police
6. the capital
7. dinner
8. the middle

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