**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Our value: Self – belief and hard work will always earn you success**

 **Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Articles: a, an or the? Grade 7**

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| **Objectives: To learn the use of all the articles and practice using them correctly before nouns.** |

**Indefinite Article: a, an**

1.Used with **singular, countable nouns** to refer to a thing or an idea for the first time. We have **a** **cat**.

 There’s **a** **supermarket** in Adam Street.

 **An** apple **a** **day** keeps the doctor away.

2.**Used with Professions:**

I am **a** **teacher.**

Mr. Duffy is **a carpenter.**

3. **Used with Expressions of quantity:**

**A** **pair** of shoes.

**A** **couple** of days.

4**. Used with expressions of frequency:**

I have classes three times **a** week.

**How to use “a” and “an”?**

The article “**a**” is used with **Consonants**:

A car

The article “**an**” is used with **Vowels**:

**An** apple

**Be careful!**

 **U H**

 A university A hospital

 (you)

 An uncle An hour

 Silent ‘h’

**Definite Article: The**

Used with **singular** and **plural**, **countable** and **uncountable** nouns when both the speaker and the listener **know the thing or the idea already**.

 **Examples**:

 Take **the** **dog** for a walk, please.

 I am going to **the** **supermarket.**

1. Used before **seas, rivers, hotel, theatres, museums, newspapers**:

The Atlantic Ocean

The Amazon river

The Copacabana Palace

The Empire Theatre

The British Museum

The New York Times

2. Used if there’s only **one** of something (**unique objects**):

The queen

The Sun

The government

3. Used with **superlative adjectives**:

 I am **the** **best** student of this class.

**No article**

Used before plural and uncountable nouns when **talking about things in general:**

I like potatoes.

I love chocolate.

1. Used before **countries (singular), streets, languages, magazines, meals, airports**:

I live in **Oxford Street**.

I speak **Spanish**.

I like **Queen Alia Airport**.

I have to make **lunch.**

2. Used before some **places** and means of **transport**:

At home by train

At school by bus

At work by car

At university on foot

**Exercise**

**a) Complete the sentences using a, an or the.**

1. Picasso was \_an\_\_\_ artist.
2. He is \_\_an\_\_\_ honest man.
3. I study at \_\_a\_\_\_ small university in London.
4. We used to live in \_\_\_the\_\_ city centre.
5. Are you \_\_\_a\_\_ teacher?
6. It takes me \_\_an\_\_\_ hour to get to work.
7. My cousin is \_\_\_a\_\_ surgeon.
8. It looks like it’s going to rain. Do you have \_\_an\_\_\_ umbrella?
9. I have \_\_a\_\_\_ one- year old daughter.
10. Singer Justin Bieber comes from \_\_\_an\_\_ ordinary family.
11. These days Angelina Jolie enjoys \_\_the\_\_\_ life of \_\_a\_\_ Hollywood film star.
12. My brother lives in \_\_\_an\_\_ apartment in \_\_the\_\_\_ city centre.
13. School children in \_\_the\_\_\_ UK have to wear \_\_\_a\_\_ uniform.
14. Is there \_\_a\_\_\_ petrol station near here?
15. It’s very near here. Go straight on and it’s on \_\_\_the\_\_ left.
16. Is France \_\_a\_\_\_ European country?
17. I’ve got \_\_\_a\_\_ spare ticket for tonight’s concert. Do you want to come?
18. Simon thought he heard burglars so he rushed downstairs and phoned \_\_\_the\_\_ police.
19. Do you want to go to \_\_the\_\_\_ cinema tonight?
20. I am reading \_\_\_a\_\_ really good book.

**b) Choose the correct options.**

1. I met her at (a / an / the / – ) Logan Airport at six.

2. Shall we go to (a / an / the / – ) McDonald’s after classes?

3. How about going to (a / an / the / – ) Baltic Sea on holidays?

4. He came back very late at (a / an / the / –) night.

5. We had (a / an / the / –) snow in May this year.

6. (\_\_/ The / A) pandas and ( \_\_/ the / a) tigers are endangered species.

7. Cynthia is (a/ the / an) best teacher in our school. Everybody loves her.

8. I eat (\_\_\_/ the / a) breakfast at 6 a.m.

9. I made new friends on (a/\_\_\_ / the) first day of school.