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THE NOUN

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FINAL REVISION

ANSWER KEY

The Indefinite Article: a/an

- We use **a** before a consonant sound – *a boy, a car, a plant, a tree, a new bike*
- We use **an** before a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u) – *an address, an egg, an idea, an old clock, an umbrella*
- We choose **a** or **an** based on the way we pronounce the words and not on the way we write them.

E.g. a head/an hour, an uncle/a university, an egg/a European committee

We use **a/an** to refer to:

- General descriptions: *A postman is a person who delivers letters.*
An elephant is an animal which lives in herds.
- Jobs: *Jake is an engineer. Maggie is a nurse.*
- Exclamations: *What a wonderful day! What a brilliant idea!*

The Definite Article: the

- Before a consonant we pronounce **the** [ð] – *the park*
- Before a vowel we pronounce **the** [ði] – *the union*
- **The** is used both for singular and plural nouns – *the reader/the readers*
- We use **the** to refer to:
 - something which is known to the participants in the conversation: *"Where's the bathroom?" "It's on the 2nd floor."*
 - something which has already been mentioned: *A boy and a girl fell in love. The boy and the girl got married two years later.*
 - things we consider unique: *the sun, the moon, the earth, the sky*
 - groups of people: *the rich, the poor, the old, the disabled*
 - nationalities: *the Japanese, the British, the Swiss*
 - superlatives and ordinal numbers: *the best, the most beautiful, the first, the third*
 - collective nouns: *the police, the government, the army, the fire brigade*
 - musical instruments: *to play the violin/the guitar/the saxophone*
 - geographical features: *rivers – the Danube, the Mississippi, oceans – the Atlantic, the Pacific, seas – the North Sea, the Mediterranean, deserts – the Sahara, the Gobi, mountain ranges – the Himalayas, the Alps, large areas – the Middle East, the West, plural names – the United States, the Netherlands*
 - buildings: *the Taj Mahal, the British Museum, The Odeon Theatre, The Eiffel Tower, The Heathrow Airport (but Bran Castle, Big Ben)*
 - common expressions:
 1. the same – *They are the same.*
 2. go to the countryside/the sea/the mountains – *I want to go to the mountains.*
 3. on the left/right – *The bank is on the left.*

4. at the top/bottom/end/back of – *Write your name at the bottom of the page.*

5. in the middle – *The table is in the middle of the dining room.*

6. go to the cinema/the theatre – *We went to the theatre last week.*

7. on the radio (but on TV) – *I heard the latest news on the radio.*

A/An	The
– used to refer to non-specific nouns <i>Let's read a book!</i> (any book) <i>Can you open a window?</i> (there is more than one window) <i>Prague is an interesting city.</i> (there are other interesting cities as well) <i>Is there a restaurant nearby?</i> (there are many restaurants)	– used to refer to specific nouns <i>Let's read the book!</i> (a specific book) <i>Can you open the window?</i> (there is only one window) <i>Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic.</i> (there is only one capital of the Czech Republic) <i>The restaurant was very expensive.</i> (the restaurant we went to)

He met a woman in San Francisco. The woman was a journalist.

She bought a scarf. The scarf is very colourful.

They saw a dog. The dog was very playful.

The Zero Article

We use no article when we refer to:

→ **general ideas:** Babies cry a lot. Computers help us in our work. Love is all around us.

→ **languages:** I don't speak Japanese.

Do you understand Italian?

→ **school subjects:** I don't like Geography.

→ **meals** (breakfast, lunch, dinner): What time do you have breakfast?

→ **next/last week/month/year/summer/Friday**

→ **days, months, holidays:** on Saturday, in June, at Christmas

→ **common expressions with work, school, university, college, prison, hospital, church, bed, class, home:**

by car/train/plane/bus/tram, on foot, on holiday

→ **names of cities, streets, airports:** Paris is the city of lovers.

How can I get to 10 Downing Street? They're flying from Heathrow.

→ **countries:** I visited Denmark two years ago.

→ **individual mountains, lakes:** Mount Everest is the highest in the world.

She lives near lake Ontario.

1. Use the correct article A or AN:

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| 1. <u>a</u> can | 8. _____ alligator | 15. _____ house |
| 2. _____ ostrich | 9. _____ ice cream | 16. _____ insect |
| 3. _____ slipper | 10. _____ umbrella | 17. _____ elephant |
| 4. _____ apple | 11. _____ car | 18. _____ cherry |
| 5. _____ bike | 12. _____ parrot | 19. _____ alarm clock |
| 6. _____ dog | 13. _____ orange | 20. _____ hour |
| 7. _____ train | 14. _____ man | |

2. Add the adjectives to the following nouns and make the necessary changes:

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| 1. a watch (expensive) – <i>an expensive watch</i> | 11. a man (angry) – _____ |
| 2. a baby (noisy) – _____ | 12. a question (tricky) – _____ |
| 3. a bag (orange) – _____ | 13. a film (American) – _____ |
| 4. a house (modern) – _____ | 14. a jumper (yellow) – _____ |
| 5. a trip (exciting) – _____ | 15. an address (long) – _____ |
| 6. a story (horrible) – _____ | 16. a woman (old) – _____ |
| 7. a song (Italian) – _____ | 17. a show (interesting) – _____ |
| 8. an umbrella (new) – _____ | 18. a child (unhappy) – _____ |
| 9. a duckling (ugly) – _____ | 19. a train (early) – _____ |
| 10. a task (easy) – _____ | 20. an exercise (difficult) – _____ |

3. What are these people's jobs? Use the words below:

doctor, postman, scientist, bus driver, actress, engineer, plumber, singer, ~~artist~~, pilot

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| 1. He paints landscapes.
_____ <i>He's an artist.</i> _____ | 6. She sings in a chorus.
_____ |
| 2. She works in a lab.
_____ | 7. He looks after ill people.
_____ |
| 3. He delivers letters.
_____ | 8. He flies an airplane.
_____ |
| 4. He builds bridges and roads.
_____ | 9. She acts in plays and films.
_____ |
| 5. He mends pipes.
_____ | 10. He drives buses.
_____ |

4. Fill in the gaps with A or AN:

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| 1. I always see <u>an</u> old man by the bridge. | 4. Those parents have _____ obedient son. |
| 2. He often offers his wife _____ beautiful flower. | 5. There was _____ difficult question at the |
| 3. They made me _____ pleasant surprise. | Geography test. |

6. He met _____ pretty girl at the theatre.
7. She comes from _____ large family.
8. We played _____ amazing game at the beach.
9. They saw _____ attractive woman at the mall.
10. There is _____ gorgeous scenery close to the river.

5. Complete each definition with a suitable word below, using the correct article.

electrical guitar, bottle, hammer, gym, ~~bus~~, restaurant, suitcase, umbrella

1. A bus is a vehicle in which people are driven from one place to another.
2. _____ is a musical instrument often used in playing rock music.
3. _____ is a place where meals are prepared and served to customers.
4. _____ is a container in which wine, water or other liquids are kept.
5. _____ is a tool used for hitting different objects.
6. _____ is a club where people go to exercise and keep fit.
7. _____ is a large container where you carry your possessions while travelling.
8. _____ is an object that protects you from the rain.

6. Pronounce the following words:

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| 1. the university | 5. the office | 9. the one | 13. the angry driver |
| 2. the European Union | 6. the police station | 10. the telephone | 14. the orange juice |
| 3. the engineer | 7. the envelope | 11. the soup | 15. the uniform |
| 4. the tram | 8. the Austrians | 12. the handkerchief | 16. the test |

7. Insert THE where necessary and rewrite the sentences:

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| 1. <i>They found a treasure on bottom of ocean.</i>
<i>They found a treasure on the bottom of the ocean.</i> | 7. <i>Lola plays piano very beautifully.</i> |
| 2. <i>We often spend our summer holiday in mountains.</i> | 8. <i>The car stopped in middle of road.</i> |
| 3. <i>They read about event in newspaper.</i> | 9. <i>She received most romantic love letter ever.</i> |
| 4. <i>My sister and I like surfing Internet.</i> | 10. <i>Where's nearest post office?</i> |
| 5. <i>His family live on second floor.</i> | 11. <i>We must protect environment.</i> |
| 6. <i>Go straight ahead and you will see cinema on right.</i> | |

12. They often take their kids to park on Saturday.

13. Jerry wants to go on a trip to Greece at end of August.

14. We talked to teacher at same time.

8. What do you call the people of these countries?

Country	One person (in particular)	People (in general)
1. the USA	<i>the American</i>	<i>Americans</i>
2. Italy		
3. France		
4. Japan		
5. England		
6. Mexico		
7. Spain		
8. Canada		
9. Russia		
10. Thailand		

9. Fill in the blanks using the words below and the definite article THE:

shelf, police, army, nature, ~~Earth~~, sky, president, lake, young, poor

- The Earth* moves around the Sun.
- _____ are the future of our nation.
- He found the book on top of _____.
- They went on a boat ride on _____.
- She saw an interesting documentary on _____ channel.
- If you witness a robbery you should call _____.
- _____ spoke to the people in the square.
- His grandfather joined _____ and fought in World War II.
- _____ can't afford expensive holidays.
- After the rain there was a rainbow up in _____.

10. Fill in the blanks with THE where necessary. Put a cross (X) if no article is needed.

- Jane has just returned from the States.
- Who is _____ manager of this company?
- We are spending our holiday in _____ Philippines this summer.
- It's fun travelling by _____ plane.
- Few people have been to _____ Himalayas.
- They stayed at _____ Intercontinental Hotel in Bucharest.

7. Angela comes from _____ north of Wales.
8. They went to see a play at _____ National Theatre.
9. _____ Alps are one of _____ greatest mountain ranges in _____ Europe.
10. _____ Australia is _____ smallest continent in _____ world.

11. Add THE where necessary. The number in brackets tells you the number of articles you should use in each case.

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| 1. (2) Can you pick dress from dry cleaner's today?
Can you pick the dress from the dry cleaner's today? | _____ |
| 2. (2) I can't open jewelry box. I've lost key. | _____ |
| 3. (2) John, write your name on first page of book. | _____ |
| 4. (1) What is price for this watch? | _____ |
| 5. (1) I bought a parrot yesterday. Parrot escaped this morning. | _____ |
| 6. (2) Could you show me way to stadium? | _____ |
| 7. (2) I put photos in album when I got back from school. | _____ |
| 8. (2) Answer door, George. I'm doing dishes. | _____ |
| 9. (2) Mummy, cat ran away in garden! | _____ |
| 10. (1) John hit a tree yesterday. Car was damaged. | _____ |

12. Finish the sentences, as in the example:

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| 1. If you rob a bank, you go
_____ to prison | 5. When you need money to buy a house, you go
_____ |
| 2. If you have health problems, you go
_____ | 6. When you leave high school, you go
_____ |
| 3. If you want to buy some stamps, you go
_____ | 7. When you want to see a play, you go
_____ |
| 4. If it is late and you want to sleep, you go
_____ | 8. When you want to talk to a priest, you go
_____ |

13. Identify the correct sentences, and rewrite the wrong ones:

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| 1. Have you ever visited Big Ben? – <i>correct</i> | 3. You should visit the Museum of the Modern Art.
_____ |
| 2. The Statue of the Liberty is in New York.
_____ | 4. The British Museum has many famous exhibits.
_____ |

5. Diana sent us postcards with the Great Wall of the China.

6. Empire State Building is a 102-storey landmark in New York.

7. The president is head of the government in the USA.

8. He stayed at Ritz when he was in London.

9. Taj Mahal is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

10. We flew to Barcelona from the Gatwick Airport.

14. Answer this Geography quiz! Use THE where necessary.

1. Which river flows through Vienna and Budapest?

The Danube

2. Which is the smallest continent in the world?

3. Name a mountain range in Europe.

4. What is the name of the sea between Europe and Africa?

5. Which is the longest river in Europe?

6. What ocean do you have to cross to travel from America to Europe?

7. Which is the largest desert in the world?

8. Which river flows through Paris?

9. Which is the largest ocean in the world?

10. Which is the highest mountain in the world?

15. Use the verbs below in order to complete the sentences:

love, eat, catch, take, design, don't like, like, ~~ride~~, write, play

1. Cowboys ride horses.

2. Photographers take pictures.

3. Architects design houses.

4. Dogs like cats.

5. Children eat sweets.

6. Writers write novels.

7. Cats don't like mice.

8. Women love shopping.

9. Fishermen catch fish.

10. Guitarists play music.

16. Fill in the correct option in each case:

1. the chocolate or chocolate?

Eating chocolate makes me happy.

The chocolate mum bought is in the fridge.

2. the bread or bread?

We don't eat bread in the evening.

The bread they sell is very good.

3. fish or the fish?

They don't like fish.

I put fish in the oven.

4. children or the children?

I met children in this class.

The children love sweets.

5. English people or the English people?

_____ drink a lot of tea.

I don't know _____

in our village.

17. Circle the correct answer:

1. The men/men sometimes express their feelings, too.
2. The rooms/rooms of her house are very spacious.
3. The shops/shops in my neighbourhood aren't very expensive.
4. The money/money doesn't bring happiness.
5. Where are the people/people in this village?

6. The water/water boils at 100° C.
7. My father repairs the computers/computers for a living.
8. The life/life is worth living.
9. The fresh vegetables/fresh vegetables are good for your health.
10. The milk/milk is cheap in this region.

18. Tick the correct sentences and correct the wrong ones:

1. The traffic is heavy in the morning when people go to work.

Traffic is heavy in the morning when people go to work.

2. He is in the bed at 10:30 p.m.

6. We will meet after the work tomorrow.

3. Will you be at the home in the evening?

7. His uncle has never been to the hospital.

4. Do many people in your country go to the university?

8. Did you visit him in prison?

5. My grandmother goes to church every Sunday.

9. Jim and Simone aren't at the office.

10. Why aren't his children at the school today?

19. Fill in the gaps using A/AN or THE:

1. She told us that he would be back home in an hour.
2. There's a U-turn ahead.
3. Have you met a new English teacher?
4. Mrs. Sanders has a 8-year-old daughter.
5. I have known a old man for many years.

6. I'm cooking dinner. Please keep a eye on your little brother.

7. Can you play a violin?

8. Did you find a map you were looking for?

9. They have to find a solution to this problem.

10. Would you like a cup of tea?

20. Put A/AN, THE or the zero article:

1. Do you take _____ milk and _____ sugar in your tea?
2. Let's go to a restaurant nearby for _____ lunch.
3. It was difficult to find _____ accommodation at such _____ short notice.
4. On _____ Saturday we went to _____ opera. It was _____ rainy day.
5. He holds _____ degree from _____ Manchester University.
6. Where did you spend _____ night?
7. Do you remember _____ winter before _____ last?
8. _____ Hyde Park is quite famous because of _____ Speaker's Corner.
9. Can you do _____ homework by yourself?
10. _____ National Theatre was built in _____ 19th century.
11. Marianne is out of _____ office at _____ present.
12. I listen to _____ radio in _____ evening to get _____ news of _____ day.
13. Some people spend _____ Sunday mornings lying in _____ bed and watching _____ TV.
14. He left in _____ morning and came back at _____ noon.
15. His apartment is on _____ corner of _____ 5th Avenue.
16. I need _____ envelope to send _____ letter.
17. The meeting lasted for more than _____ hour.
18. I've got _____ idea! Let's go to _____ mall and buy _____ big chocolate cake.

21. Choose the correct answer:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>The</u> Italian man we met was very talkative.
a. the b. a c. – 2. _____ child of six could fix it.
a. the b. a c. – 3. I ended the letter with _____ polite phrase.
a. the b. a c. – 4. Don't spill _____ water on the carpet.
a. the b. a c. – 5. Is _____ Chinese the most difficult language to learn?
a. the b. a c. – 6. _____ poor have a hard life.
a. the b. a c. – | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. _____ cats are intelligent animals.
a. the b. a c. – 8. What _____ cold day!
a. the b. a c. – 9. _____ sun is slowly setting below the sea.
a. the b. a c. – 10. The Atlantic lies between Europe and _____ North America.
a. the b. a c. – 11. The car made _____ unpleasant noise.
a. the b. an c. – 12. He has _____ excellent command of English.
a. the b. an c. – |
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1. Fill in the blanks using A/AN, THE or the zero article:

1. He was sent to _____ prison for _____ shoplifting.
2. Napoleon _____ great was born in Corsica.
3. _____ Alps are _____ longest mountain range in Europe.
4. _____ Aegean sea is usually rough.
5. She fell ill and was taken to _____ hospital by her parents.
6. This coat is made in _____ United Kingdom.
7. _____ Americans like whisky, and _____ Germans prefer beer.
8. _____ Mississippi river is _____ longest river in _____ world.
9. A lot of ships cross _____ Pacific Ocean.
10. _____ water is essential to _____ life.
11. We need _____ engineer in this company.
12. Dan is one of _____ strangest people I know.
13. I recommend you try _____ tomato soup at this restaurant.
14. _____ Queen will speak on _____ Christmas Day.
15. _____ apple a day keeps _____ doctor away.
16. Do you have _____ dictionary that I can borrow?
17. I'd like _____ orange juice, please.

2. What is the difference between the sentences below? Think of the situation in which each sentence was used:

1. a. She found a ring in the grass.
b. She found the ring in the grass.
2. a. James's studying the piano at a music school in London.
b. Dorothy's studying the piano at the music school in London.
3. a. He met a German photographer on the plane.
b. He met the German photographer on the plane.
4. a. She wrote an interesting story.
b. She wrote the most interesting story.
5. a. He stopped the car at the crossroads.
b. He stopped a car at the crossroads.
6. a. Has she ever been in hospital?
b. Has she ever been in a hospital?
7. a. It was an hour before the meeting.
b. It was the hour before the meeting.
8. a. It's cold. Close a window, please.
b. It's cold. Close the window, please.