



Articles 2



A Four sentences are true and two are false. Put ticks ✓ against the true ones.

- 1 You can use *a* with plural nouns, for example, *Can you hear a dogs barking?*
- 2 You can use *the* with plural nouns, for example, *Can you hear the dogs barking?*
- 3 You can use no article with plural nouns, for example, *Can you hear dogs barking?*
- 4 You can use *a* with uncountable nouns, for example, *A water is boiling.*
- 5 You can use *the* with uncountable nouns, for example, *The water is boiling.*
- 6 You can use no article with uncountable nouns, for example, *Water boils.*

B Look again at the example sentences in part A. Put the four correct examples into the correct paragraph.

a) Sally is in the kitchen with her young daughter, Claire.

Claire: Can I make the tea, please, Mummy?

Sally: Yes, but do be careful. Put some water in the kettle, put some tea in the teapot, and when _____, pour it into the pot very carefully.

b) Sally and Claire are still talking.

Claire: I don't really understand my science classes at school.

Sally: Why not? What don't you understand?

Claire: Well, for example, _____ at 100°C, yes?

Sally: Yes.

Claire: Well, why?

c) It is night. Helen and Simon are lost in a forest. They are alone.

Helen: Where are we?

Simon: I don't know.

Helen: Wait, I thought I saw a light over there, and listen, _____

d) José and Carmen live on a farm near a forest. They have three dogs. It is night.

Carmen: José _____

José: Yes, there might be something out there. I'll go and have a look.

C Match what you say with what you mean.

You say	You mean
1 Can you hear dogs barking?	a) You expect your listener to know which dogs you are talking about.
2 Can you hear the dogs barking?	b) You do not know which dogs; they are new to you.
3 Water boils at 100°C.	a) You mean water in general.
4 The water's boiling.	b) You mean some particular water.
5 Society isn't fair.	a) You mean a particular society.
6 The society is meeting tonight.	b) You mean human society as a whole.
7 the	a) You expect your listener to know which particular one(s) you mean.
8 – (no article)	b) You do not mean any particular one(s).

Answer Key

2 Adverbs of time 1

- A
 1 I haven't read it yet.
 2 I still haven't rung her.
 3 had it since I went to India.
 4 've ever met him.
 5 already read it.
 6 've never been to an Indian restaurant.
 7 've had it for six months.
 8 ever thought of buying a computer?

- B
 1 yet
 2 still
 3 already

3 Adverbs of time 2

- A
 1 I have already been to Australia.
 2 I haven't been to Australia yet.
 3 Have you ever been to Australia?
 4 I've never been to Australia.
 5 I still haven't been to Australia.
 6 Australia is the most beautiful country I've ever seen.

- B
 1 c 2 f 3 d 4 e 5 g 6 a

C

- 1 It's the most beautiful picture I've ever seen.
 2 I haven't ever been to Germany but I'd like to go one day.
 3 You were talking about going to Munich; have you been there yet?
 4 I'm trying to find someone who knows about Canada; have you ever been there?
 5 Although Mongolia has opened its borders it's still difficult to fly there.
 6 We haven't visited Padua yet, but we plan to go in the spring.

4 Adverbs of time 3

- A
 1 often 5 just 9 already
 2 since 6 sometimes 10 until
 3 twice 7 before 11 rarely
 4 ago 8 once 12 yet
 Hidden word: occasionally

- B
 1 just now
 2 long ago
 3 never ever

5 Adverbs of time 4

- A
 1 ago 6 yet
 2 when 7 for
 3 since 8 while
 4 never 9 still

Hidden word: The trainer

- B
 1 over 7 whenever
 2 ago 8 ages
 3 long 9 these days
 4 moment 10 time
 5 sooner or later 11 present
 6 every now and then 12 during

6 Advice and suggestions 1

- A
 1 Why don't you rent a car?
 2 I think you'd better rent a car.
 3 How about visiting Wales?
 4 If I were you I'd rent a car.
 5 You could always rent a car.
 6 Have you thought of staying in a bed and breakfast?
 7 Why not rent a car?
 8 Perhaps you ought to come and stay with me.

- B
 1 of using a bicycle?
 2 buy a CD player?
 3 to have an eye test/to have your eyes tested.
 4 look (them up) in a dictionary.
 5 you take a tent?
 6 having fish?
 7 borrow my coat.

7 Advice and suggestions 2

- A
 1 a 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 b 6 b

- B
 a) 2 b 6 b
 b) 3 b 4 a 5 b
 c) 3 b 5 b
 d) 2 b 4 a

8 Articles 1

- A
 1 a violent film 5 the violence 9 films
 2 violent films 6 the quality 10 children
 3 Violence 7 the film
 4 life 8 a film

- B
 1 c 2 a 3 b
 4 a 5 c 6 b

C

Unemployment is one of the most important problems in the world today. It affects all countries: not only South America, Africa and Asia, but also Europe and the United States too. And it is not just a modern problem either; it has been with us for centuries. Unemployment destroys people's lives, it breaks up the family and it makes society poor. The question is: what can we do about it?

9 Articles 2

A
 The true sentences are: 2, 3, 5, 6

- B
 a 5 b 6 c 3 d 2

- C
 1 b 2 a 3 a 4 b 5 b 6 a
 7 a 8 b

10 Articles and countable and uncountable nouns

- 1 If you need help, please ask for assistance
 2 Advice Centre
 3 Roadworks ahead
 4 Collect your luggage here
 5 Will all personnel please report to the main office.
 6 English spoken here.
 7 Please shut the door
 8 Travel agent
 9 The sun rises in the east and sets in the west

- 10 Please leave cameras at the desk
11 Please turn off the light.
12 If you have a complaint, please ask to see the manager.
13 Foreign money not accepted
14 The End
15 Please ring the bell for service
16 Take a card; any card

11 Countable and uncountable 1

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 time | 8 light | 15 experiences |
| 2 times | 9 hope | 16 experience |
| 3 glass | 10 a hope | 17 an experience |
| 4 a glass | 11 hopes | 18 beliefs |
| 5 glasses | 12 lambs | 19 a belief |
| 6 lights | 13 a lamb | 20 belief |
| 7 a light | 14 lamb | |

12 Countable and uncountable 2

- A
1 a 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 a 6 b 7 a 8 b

- B
1 c) i) hairs 2 a) iv) a hair 3 d) ii) hair

13 Countable and uncountable 3

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>uncountable</i> | <i>countable</i> |
| 2 countryside | 1 teeth |
| 3 accommodation | 4 mice |
| 5 secrecy | 7 sheep |
| 6 advice | 10 people |
| 8 travel | |
| 9 furniture | |
| 11 information | |
| 12 work | |

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>B</i> | <i>always plural</i> |
| <i>always singular</i> | |
| the news | the police |
| each (of them) | scissors |
| politics | the poor |
| either (of them) | both (of them) |
| everyone | all (of them) |
| maths | trousers |

- C
2 a beauty 3 a difficulty
4 an experience 7 an icecream
10 a talk

14 Enough and plenty

- A
1 b 2a

- B
1 just the right amount
2 there aren't quite enough
3 there isn't enough
4 there are plenty
5 there aren't enough
6 just the right number
7 there isn't enough
8 this isn't big enough
9 these aren't big enough
10 there is plenty
11 there are far too many

15 Futures 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| A | |
| 1 will have completed | 6 will be shining |
| 2 will have taken | 7 will have left |
| 3 will be talking | 8 will have declined |
| 4 will be typing | 9 will have fallen |
| 5 will have left | |

- B
1 will have moved 5 will have raised
2 will be selling 6 will have solved
3 will have installed 7 will be printing
4 will have appointed

16 Futures 2

- A
1 b 2 a 3 b 4 b 5 a 6 b

- B
Actions in progress
... 'll be living in a warmer climate.
... 'll be working as an agriculturalist.
... 'll be living in a comfortable house.

- Actions completed*
... 'll have met the right person.
... 'll have paid back all the money my parents lent me.
... 'll have published the results of my research thesis.

- C
1 will have doubled 4 will be facing
2 will be feeding 5 will have contributed
3 will have found

17 Futures 3

- 1 Actually, I'm meeting an old friend there.
2 Not long, I'm'll be leaving on Sunday.
3 Yes, I'm going to visit the colleges.
4 In that case, I'll go there too.
5 I'm afraid I'll be working (in the university library) at three o'clock.
6 Let's see. Shall I ring you at 6.00 pm on Thursday?
7 In that case, I think I'll buy one.
8 If it's good, shall I get you one?
9 OK. I'll ring you on Thursday.

18 If sentences 1

- A
1 b 2 a

- B
1 hadn't gone to America 6 had told
2 caught the 10 o'clock bus 7 had come in
3 had had a gun 8 hadn't invented
4 had thrown the receipt away 9 had stopped
5 didn't study hard

19 If sentences 2

- A
Clauses that are possibly true: 3, 4, 7, 8
Clauses that are definitely not true: 1, 2, 5, 6, 9

- B
1 c 2 a 3 b

- C
1 If the captain sent a radio signal before the ship sank
2 If Les is here now
3 If Les had been here now
4 If Sarah said anything to your boss while you were away
5 If Sarah had said anything to your boss while you were away
6 If Ali bought the tickets when the box office first opened
7 If Ali had bought the tickets when the box office first opened
8 If I'd had any more food
9 If I have any more food