



Activity 8.

Download the following worksheet [[Click here](#)] and use your knowledge about definite and indefinite articles to solve the exercises. To check the rubric for this assignment [[Click here](#)].

You can either print and write on the worksheets or you can use an editor to write your answers using the computer.

References:

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A

He's got **a** camera.She's waiting for **a** taxi.It's **a** beautiful day.**a** ... = one thing or person:

- ☐ Rachel works in **a** bank. (*not* in bank)
- ☐ Can I ask **a** question? (*not* ask question)
- ☐ I don't have **a** job at the moment.
- ☐ There's **a** woman at the bus stop.

B

an (*not* a) before **a/e/i/o/u**:

- ☐ Do you want **an** apple or **a** banana?
- ☐ I'm going to buy **a** hat and **an** umbrella.
- ☐ There was **an** interesting programme on TV last night.

also **an** hour (**h** is not pronounced: *an* ~~h~~our)*but* **a** university (pronounced *yuniversity*)**a** European country (pronounced *yuropean*)**another** (= **an** + **other**) is one word:

- ☐ Can I have **another** cup of coffee?

C

We use **a/an** ... when we say what a thing or a person is. For example:

- ☐ The sun is **a** star.
- ☐ Football is **a** game.
- ☐ Dallas is **a** city in Texas.
- ☐ A mouse is **an** animal. It's **a** small animal.
- ☐ Joe is **a** very nice person.

We use **a/an** ... for jobs etc.:

- ☐ A: What's your job?
- B: I'm **a** dentist. (*not* I'm dentist)
- ☐ 'What does Mark do?' 'He's **an** engineer.'
- ☐ Would you like to be **a** teacher?
- ☐ Beethoven was **a** composer.
- ☐ Picasso was **a** famous painter.
- ☐ Are you **a** student?



65.1 Write **a** or **an**.

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| 1 <u>an</u> old book | 4 <u>an</u> airport | 7 <u>a</u> university |
| 2 <u>a</u> window | 5 <u>a</u> new airport | 8 <u>an</u> hour |
| 3 <u>a</u> horse | 6 <u>an</u> organisation | 9 <u>a</u> economic problem |

65.2 What are these things? Choose from the box.

bird	fruit	mountain	river	musical instrument
flower	game	planet	tool	vegetable

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| 1 A duck is <u>a bird</u> | 6 Saturn is <u>a planet</u> |
| 2 A carrot is <u>a vegetable</u> | 7 A banana is <u>a fruit</u> |
| 3 Tennis is <u>a game</u> | 8 The Amazon is <u>a river</u> |
| 4 A hammer is <u>a tool</u> | 9 A rose is <u>a flower</u> |
| 5 Everest is <u>a mountain</u> | 10 A trumpet is <u>a musical instrument</u> |

65.3 What are their jobs? Choose from the list and complete the sentences.

architect	dentist	shop assistant	photographer
electrician	nurse	taxi driver	



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| 1 <u>She's a dentist.</u> | 5 He's an electrician |
| 2 He's <u>a shop assistant</u> | 6 She's a photographer |
| 3 She <u>is an architect</u> | 7 She's a nurse |
| 4 He's a taxi driver | 8 And you? I'm <u>a student</u> |

65.4 Write sentences. Choose from the two boxes. Use **a/an** where necessary.

I want to ask you	Rebecca works in
Tom never wears	Jane wants to learn
I can't ride	Mike lives in
My brother is	This evening I'm going to

old house	artist
party	question
bookshop	foreign language
hat	bike

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| 1 <u>I want to ask you a question.</u> |
| 2 Tom never wears <u>a hat</u> |
| 3 I can't ride <u>a bike</u> |
| 4 My brother is <u>an artist</u> |
| 5 Rebecca works in <u>a bookshop</u> |
| 6 Jane wants to learn <u>a foreign language</u> |
| 7 Mike lives in <u>an old house</u> |
| 8 This evening I'm going to <u>a party</u> |

A

a/an



There are *three* windows here.
a window = window 1 or 2 or 3

- ☐ I've got **a** car.
(there are many cars and I've got one)
- ☐ Can I ask **a** question? (there are many questions – can I ask one?)
- ☐ Is there **a** hotel near here? (there are many hotels – is there one near here?)
- ☐ Paris is **an** interesting city. (there are many interesting cities and Paris is one)
- ☐ Lisa is **a** student.
(there are many students and Lisa is one)

the



There is only *one* window here –
the window.

- ☐ I'm going to clean **the** car tomorrow.
(= my car)
- ☐ Can you repeat **the** question, please?
(= the question that you asked)
- ☐ We enjoyed our holiday. **The** hotel was very nice. (= our hotel)
- ☐ Paris is **the** capital of France.
(there is only one capital of France)
- ☐ Lisa is **the** youngest student in her class.
(there is only one youngest student in her class)

Compare **a** and **the**:

- ☐ I bought **a** jacket and **a** shirt. **The** jacket was cheap, but **the** shirt was expensive.
 (= **the** jacket and **the** shirt **that** I bought)

B

We say **the** ... when it is clear which thing or person we mean. For example:

the door / **the** ceiling / **the** floor / **the** carpet / **the** light etc. (*of a room*)
the roof / **the** garden / **the** kitchen / **the** bathroom etc. (*of a house*)
the centre / **the** station / **the** airport / **the** town hall etc. (*of a town*)

- ☐ 'Where's Tom?' 'In **the** kitchen.'
(= the kitchen of this house or flat)
- ☐ Turn off **the** light and close **the** door.
(= the light and the door of the room)
- ☐ Do you live far from **the** centre?
(= the centre of your town)
- ☐ I'd like to speak to **the** manager, please.
(= the manager of this shop etc.)



69.1 Write a/an or the.

- We enjoyed our trip. The hotel was very nice.
- 'Can I ask a question?' 'Sure. What do you want to know?'
- You look very tired. You need a holiday.
- 'Where's Tom?' 'He's in the garden.'
- Eve is an interesting person. You should meet her.
- A: Excuse me, can you tell me how to get to the city centre?
B: Yes, go straight on and then take the next turning left.
- A: Shall we go out for a meal this evening?
B: Yes, that's a good idea.
- It's a nice morning. Let's go for a walk.
- Amanda is a student. When she finishes her studies, she wants to be a journalist. She lives with two friends in an apartment near the college where she is studying. The apartment is small, but she likes it.
- Peter and Mary have two children, a boy and a girl. The boy is seven years old, and the girl is three. Peter works in a factory. Mary doesn't have a job at the moment.

69.2 Complete the sentences. Use a or the + these words:

airport cup dictionary ~~door~~ floor picture

<p>1</p> <p>Can you open <u>the door</u>, please?</p>	<p>2</p> <p>How far is it to <u>the airport</u>?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Can I have <u>a cup</u> of coffee, please?</p>
<p>4</p> <p>That's <u>a</u> nice <u>picture</u> - I like it.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Can you pass me <u>the dictionary</u>, please?</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Why are you sitting on <u>the floor</u>?</p>

69.3 These sentences are not correct. Put in a/an or the where necessary.

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

the ...

A

We use **the** when it is clear which thing or person we mean:

- ☐ What is **the name** of this street? (there is only one name)
- ☐ Who is **the best player** in your team? (there is only one best player)
- ☐ Can you tell me **the time**, please? (= the time *now*)
- ☐ My office is on **the first floor**. (= the first floor of the building)

Don't forget **the**:

- ☐ Do you live near **the city centre**? (*not* near city centre)
- ☐ Excuse me, where is **the nearest bank**? (*not* where is nearest ...)

B

the same ...

- ☐ We live in **the same street**. (*not* in same street)
- ☐ 'Are these two books different?' 'No, they're **the same**.' (*not* they're same)

C

We say:

the sun / the moon / the world / the sky / the sea / the country

- ☐ **The sky** is blue and **the sun** is shining.
- ☐ Do you live in a town or in **the country**?

the police / the fire brigade / the army (of a city, country etc.)

- ☐ My brother is a soldier. He's in **the army**.
- ☐ What do you think of **the police**? Do they do a good job?

the top / the end / the middle / the left etc.

- ☐ Write your name at **the top of** the page.
- ☐ My house is at **the end of** the street.
- ☐ The table is in **the middle of** the room.
- ☐ Do you drive on **the right** or on **the left** in your country?

(play) **the piano / the guitar / the trumpet** etc. (musical instruments)

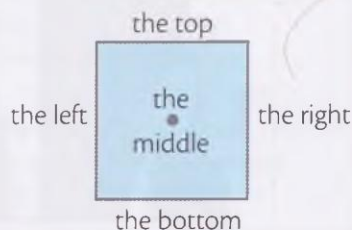
- ☐ Paula is learning to play **the piano**.

the radio

- ☐ I listen to **the radio** a lot.

the internet

- ☐ What do you use **the internet** for?



D

We do *not* use **the** with:**television / TV**

- ☐ I watch **TV** a lot.
 - ☐ What's on **television** tonight?
- but Can you turn off **the TV**? (= the TV set)

breakfast / lunch / dinner

- ☐ What did you have for **breakfast**? (*not* the breakfast)
- ☐ **Dinner** is ready!

next / last + week/month/year/summer/Monday etc.

- ☐ I'm not working **next week**. (*not* the next week)
- ☐ Did you have a holiday **last summer**? (*not* the last summer)



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

- What is name of this street?
- What's on TV tonight?
- Our apartment is on second floor.
- Would you like to go to moon?
- Which is best hotel in this town?
- What time is lunch?
- How far is it to city centre?
- We're going away at end of May.
- What are you doing next weekend?
- I didn't like her first time I met her.
- I'm going out after dinner.
- It's easy to get information from internet.
- My sister got married last month.
- My dictionary is on top shelf on right.
- We live in country about ten miles from nearest town.

the name

OK

the second

to the moon

the best

Ok

the city center

at the

the next

the first

Ok

the internet

Ok

the right

the nearest

70.2 Complete the sentences. Use **the same** + these words:

age colour problem street time

- I live in North Street and you live in North Street. We live in the same street.
- I arrived at 8.30 and you arrived at 8.30. We arrived at the same time.
- James is 25 and Sue is 25. James and Sue are the same age.
- My shirt is dark blue and so is my jacket. My shirt and jacket are the same colour.
- I have no money and you have no money. We have the same problem.

70.3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use **the** if necessary.



- The sun is shining.
- She's playing the guitar.
- They're having the breakfast.
- He's watching TV.
- They're swimming in the sea.
- Tom's name is at finish of the list.

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

capital dinner police lunch middle name sky TV

- We had dinner at a restaurant last night.
- We stayed at a very nice hotel, but I don't remember the name.
- The sky is very clear tonight. You can see all the stars.
- Sometimes there are some good films on TV late at night.
- Somebody was trying to break into the shop, so I called the police.
- Tokyo is the capital of Japan.
- 'What did you have for launch?' 'A salad.'
- I woke up in the middle of the night.