

G articles: a / an, the, no article

V collocation: verbs / adjectives + prepositions

P /ə/, two pronunciations of the

1 GRAMMAR articles

a Circle the correct words.

- 1 Yesterday was hottest / the hottest day of the year so far.
- 2 We went to Paris for my birthday last weekend / the last weekend.
- 3 I think girls / the girls are better at learning languages / the languages than boys / the boys.
- 4 Did you lock door / the door when you left house / the house this morning?
- 5 My sister is married to German / a German. He's engineer / an engineer.
- 6 I don't usually like fish / the fish, but salmon / the salmon we had last night was delicious.
- 7 We go to cinema / the cinema once a week / the week.
- 8 Don't worry! It's not the end / end of the world / world.
- 9 Do you think women / the women are more sensitive than men / the men?
- 10 What beautiful day / a beautiful day! Let's have lunch / a lunch in the garden.

b Correct any mistakes in the highlighted phrases. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

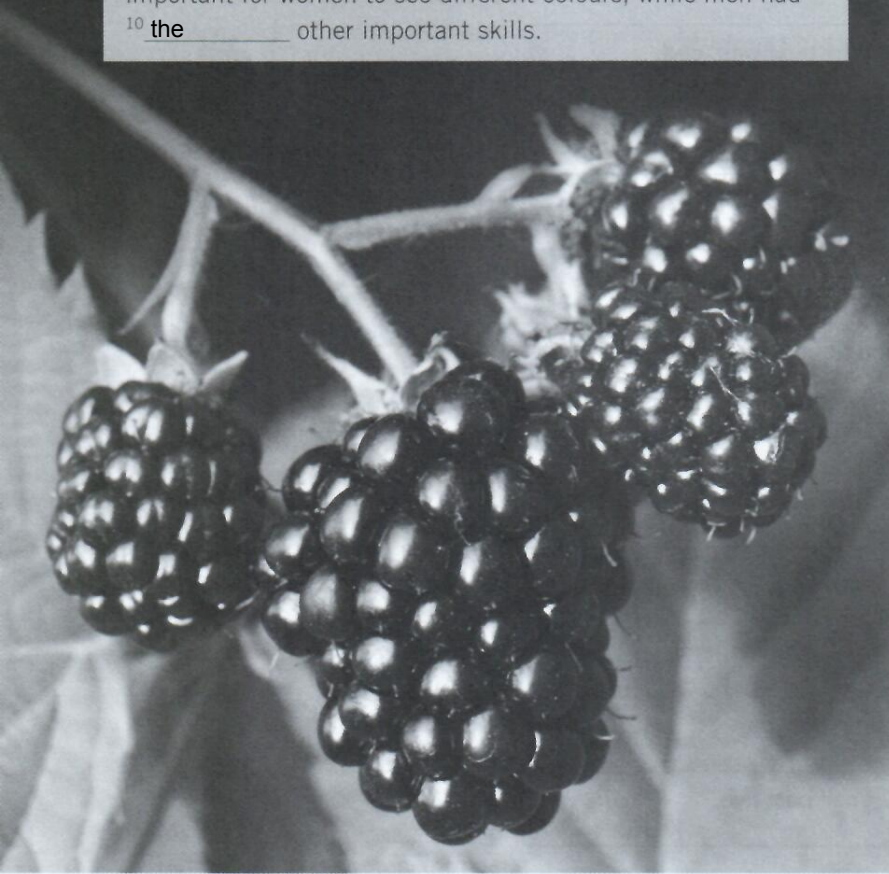
- 1 That's lovely dress – the colour suits you. ☒
 a lovely dress
- 2 He's going to visit his parents the next weekend. ☐
 next weekend
- 3 The money doesn't make people happy. ☐
 Money
- 4 My grandfather left school when he was 14. ☒
- 5 I go to the dentist about twice a year. ☒
- 6 Have you worn jacket that you bought last week? ☐
 the jacket
- 7 That was one of the best meals I've ever had. ☒
- 8 What noisy child! Where are his parents? ☐
 the noisy child
- 9 Alex is studying to become doctor. ☐
 a doctor
- 10 I love cats, but my boyfriend doesn't like them. ☒
- 11 Her husband sits in front of the TV all day. ☒
- 12 She always leaves the work at half past five. ☐
 leaves work

c Complete the text with *a / an, the* or *–* (no article).

DNA

the reason women see colours better than men

Why are women generally able to see ¹_____ colours better than men? Scientists say there is ²**a**_____ reason for this, and ³**the**_____ reason is in our DNA. Our chromosomes contain DNA, which controls many things about us. The ability to see ⁴_____ colour red is carried by the X chromosome. Men have only one X chromosome, but ⁵_____ women have two of them. This means that it's easier for women to see red. This was important in prehistoric times when women were looking for ⁶_____ fruit to eat. They needed to choose ⁷**the**_____ right fruit, so they had to be able to see ⁸**the**_____ difference between different colours. If they made ⁹**a**_____ mistake, they could kill their families and themselves. So, it was more important for women to see different colours, while men had ¹⁰**the**_____ other important skills.



2 PRONUNCIATION /ə/, two pronunciations of *the*

a 3.3 Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 I'd like _____ to *speak* _____ to the *manager* _____.
- 2 The bus is _____ *cheaper than the* _____ train.
- 3 What are we going _____ *to do tonight* _____?
- 4 Could you open _____ *the window for a moment* _____?
- 5 She needs _____ *see a doctor about* _____ her ankle.
- 6 We want _____ *to go for a walk* _____ tomorrow.

b 3.3 Listen again and repeat.

c 3.4 Listen and repeat the phrases. Pay attention to the pronunciation of *the*.

- 1 *The* conversation was about *the* woman next door.
- 2 *The* university invited a guest to speak at *the* meeting.
- 3 I sometimes go to *the* theatre in *the* evening.
- 4 We took *the* lift instead of walking up *the* stairs.
- 5 *The* office gave me all *the* information I needed.
- 6 *The* grey skirt is nice, but I prefer *the* black one.

3 VOCABULARY collocation

a Circle the correct prepositions.

- 1 They're arriving at / on / in London on Friday.
- 2 That suitcase belongs for / from / to me.
- 3 Shall we ask someone at / for / of directions?
- 4 We might go camping, but it depends in / of / on the weather.
- 5 Everybody laughed about / at / to Zach when he fell off the chair.
- 6 Who's going to pay for / of / with the meal?
- 7 I dreamt about / from / with my old school friends last night.
- 8 That girl reminds me about / of / to my cousin.
- 9 I apologized at / to / with the teacher about / for / of being late.
- 10 He often argues at / to / with his friends about politics.
- 11 We arrive at / in / to Liverpool Street Station at 7.45.
- 12 She doesn't believe about / in / on ghosts.
- 13 I can't choose between / of / with the green one or the blue one.
- 14 They're really looking forward for / of / to their holiday.
- 15 James spends a lot of money for / in / on expensive presents for his girlfriend.

b Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

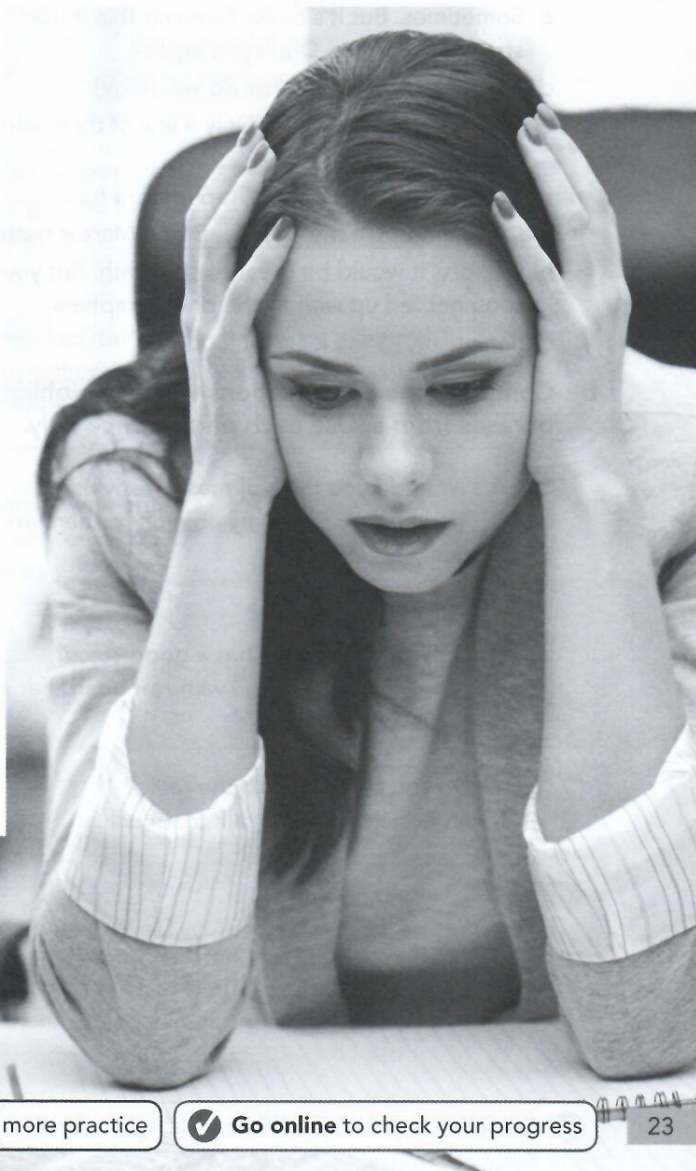
- 1 I'm tired of my job. I think it's time for a change.
- 2 My boyfriend isn't very keen on vegetables.
- 3 He's famous for his role in *Sherlock Holmes*.
- 4 I'm not very interested in abstract art.
- 5 Susie is very different from her sister.
- 6 Adam's very good in maths.
- 7 I'm fed up with this grey weather.
- 8 My brother is very worried about his daughter at the moment.
- 9 A lot of people are scared by spiders.
- 10 They're angry on their son for his terrible exam results.
- 11 She's very close with her brother.
- 12 My husband is very proud of his new car.
- 13 I'm very fond of my grandfather. He's a wonderful person.
- 14 Experts say that walking is good for you.
- 15 Jack's elder brother isn't very kind with him.
- 16 We're really pleased of our new sofa.
- 17 The children are very excited about going to the concert.
- 18 My neighbour was very rude to me yesterday.
- 19 Tony used to be married with Teresa.

4 PRONUNCIATION when are prepositions stressed?

a 3.5 Listen and complete the conversations.

- 1 A Who did you argue with?
B I argued with my dad.
- 2 A Who are you laughing at?
B I'm laughing at you!
- 3 A What are you so excited about?
B I'm excited about my holliday.
- 4 A What are you listening to?
B I'm listening to the radio.

b 3.5 Listen again and repeat. Copy the rhythm.



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