

Articles

Complete the blanks with **a, an** or **-**.

- Irene:** I'm going to get a snack. Do you want anything?
Francis: I'd love a croissant but I'm on a diet. I'm only allowed to eat something sweet once a week.
Irene: Mmm... You're right. a croissants have a lot of calories. Would you like a apple?
Francis: No, I don't like a apples.
Irene: How about strawberries? But they're \$ 5.00 a kilo.
Francis: They're too expensive.
Irene: They have a oranges, too.
Francis: That's a good idea. Buy me a orange.

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One rainy night, while I was driving to a nearby city to see a old friend, my car broke down. I tried to repair a car but I couldn't, so I decided to spend a night in a hotel.

At a hotel a receptionist showed me to a room on a second floor. I fell asleep immediately.

It was 3:30 a.m. when something woke me up. I looked around a room and saw two eyes staring at me. I screamed with fright. Seconds later, a maid knocked on a door and asked me if I was OK.

I soon realised that a eyes belonged to a cat. I calmed down and explained what had happened to a maid. She told me that a cat lived in a hotel and must have come in through a balcony door.

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The Netherlands is a country in a Western Europe which has as its borders: a North Sea, a Germany and a Belgium. The Netherlands is divided into twelve provinces, two of which are called a Holland.

a capital is a Amsterdam but a largest city is a Rotterdam. a Rotterdam is also a biggest port in a world. a two main rivers that flow through a Netherlands are a Rhine and a Maas.

a people of a Netherlands, who are known as a Dutch, are famous for their wooden clogs and a tulips they grow.



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1. "Did _____ Marconi invent _____ telephone?"
"No, he invented _____ radio."
2. _____ Ted graduated from _____ Harvard University in _____ June.
3. _____ Petersons are our new neighbours. They seem like really _____ nice people.
4. _____ new school for _____ blind is opposite _____ hospital. You can get there by _____ bus.
5. _____ Peter has worked in _____ Portugal for many years and he speaks _____ Portuguese fluently.
6. My birthday is on _____ Saturday. I'm going to invite my friends over for _____ dinner.
7. "Where's _____ David?"
"He's outside washing _____ car."
8. A fire broke out at _____ Cosmopolitan Cinema on _____ Dream Street yesterday. _____ fire brigade arrived quickly. Luckily, no-one was injured.
9. _____ Belinda is very fit. She plays both _____ tennis and _____ basketball four times a week.
10. _____ Canary Islands are a group of volcanic islands in _____ Atlantic Ocean.

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1. _____ A _____ production of _____ Shakespeare's famous play, _____ Romeo and _____ Juliet, is on at _____ Swan Theatre at the moment.
2. **Rob:** When I go to _____ Egypt, I'm going to visit _____ Suez Canal, which was built to connect _____ Mediterranean with _____ Red Sea. It must be impressive.
Gary: Aren't you going to see _____ Pyramids?
Rob: Of course I am.
3. _____ Kevin is saving up to buy _____ cello this month. He already knows how to play _____ guitar and wants to learn how to play _____ cello now.
4. Buses depart from _____ Heathrow Airport for _____ Royal National Hotel in _____ central London every twenty minutes.
5. I try to keep fit, so I go to _____ work on _____ foot every day.
6. _____ Sunday Newspaper is advertising _____ chess championship which is to be held at _____ Game Club. Those able to play _____ chess well can enter.
7. _____ last Monday, my children went on _____ excursion with their school. They rode around _____ Lake Jude on _____ horseback. When _____ children arrived _____ home, they were so tired that they went straight to _____ bed.
8. **Mary:** Which _____ church do you go to?
John: I go to _____ St Mark's Church in _____ St Mark's Square.
9. Not all _____ police officers wear _____ uniforms. Some of them work undercover.
10. _____ interesting place to visit is _____ Skagen, in _____ north of _____ Denmark.

Read the descriptions of two notable environmental disasters that have occurred in recent decades. Fill in the blanks with the correct article in parentheses (— means no article is needed).

CHERNOBYL DAMAGE WIDER THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

DETAILS ARE FINALLY EMERGING. On April 26, 1986, fires and explosions following unauthorized experiment caused worst accident in history of nuclear power at the nuclear power plant in Chernobyl, Ukraine. At least 31 people were killed in disaster itself, and radioactive material was released into atmosphere. Approximately 135,000 people were evacuated from vicinity. scientists warned of possible future cancer deaths and birth defects.

MASSIVE OIL SPILL IN ALASKA

MARCH 24, 1989. oil tanker *Exxon Valdez* struck Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, Alaska, tonight, causing worst oil spill in U.S. history. More than 10 million gallons of oil were spilled, causing the deaths of many animals and resulting in great environmental catastrophe. The captain of *Valdez* was not present in wheelhouse at time of accident; ship was being piloted by first mate, who was inexperienced. It was determined that captain, rather than first mate, should have been piloting vessel. Exxon agreed to pay for cost of cleaning up spill.

