

In the following sentences THE is missing in one or more cases. Write in THE where necessary.

1. There are countless varieties of English in use in English-speaking world.
2. Concepts of language vary from country to country and from generation to generation; English you hear spoken nowadays is in no way recognizable as language used by last generation, let alone in time of Shakespeare.
3. Government is now insisting that mathematics be taught with methods reminiscent of 1950s.
4. Government is only possible if majority accept law of land.
5. When Julie walked into room, you could have cut atmosphere with a knife.
6. Music of today deserves a different name from music of Beethoven, Bach and other comparable geniuses.
7. People living inside Arctic Circle have a very different view of year from those living in, say, Belgium.
8. Many people in public sector of work are just looking for sun, sand and relaxation when they go on holiday, and why not?

Correct the EIGHT errors in this extract from a composition.

The war takes over when politics fails. It is always frightening and unpleasant and the society does everything it can to avoid clashes between countries, but there often comes a point when avoidance is no longer an option. In the past, the mankind has fought wars for many different reasons but the history shows that one side has always blames the other for starting it. Aggression starts because one side accuses the other of doing something aggressive. The other side denies it. The argument gets louder and more heated until suddenly patience are at an end, the time for talk is over, and military power replaces spoken argument. Wars can be justified if they are fought for good reasons, but who is to say what is a good reason? History is written by the winners, and it is their version of the truth that we tend to work from. Our knowledge of the whole history of any war are likely to be limited by the lack of complete informations but if we are to learn any lessons for future, we must try to understand what happened.

In the following old person's recollections, articles are missing. Put in A/AN and THE as appropriate.

I remember in dim and distant past my children being obsessed by a man called Bob Dylan. I have no idea if he's still alive, but impact he had in sixties and seventies was incredible. I remember one song called "Blowing in the Wind"; my son – he's in his fifties now – sang it all day and all night, month in and month out, for several years. And it was so silly: "How many times must man look up before he can see sky?" I mean, question like that can't be taken seriously, can it? And "How many times must white dove fly before it sleeps in sand?" And then answer to profound questions: "Answer, my friend, is blowing in wind". Generation after mine didn't know what life was all about, did they? We did, of course. "Very thought of you". "Just way you look tonight". "Night they invented champagne". They were real songs. But what came next? "How many years can mountain exist before it is washed to sea?" And there was whole generation singing along to song. Funny world we live in, I say it's funny world we live in.

Choose the underlined alternative that best fits the meaning of each sentence.

1. Accidents / The accidents will happen, I'm afraid.
2. A tortoise is a / the sort of reptile.
3. My dog has hurt the / his leg.
4. Look me in the / my eye and tell me what you're saying is true.
5. A / The liver is used to help purify the blood.
6. Can't you think of anything else? You've got food on the / your brain.
7. Have you ever considered taking up a / the musical instrument?
8. What on earth is a / the CD Rom?
9. I used to play a / the trumpet when I was younger.
10. Frank Wittle invented a / the jet engine.

Underline and correct any errors below.

Great black-backed gull is the largest of the North Atlantic gulls. It can be a terrible killer in the seabird colonies, tearing its victims inside out. Formidable beak and great weight can be frightening, especially as it will swoop low to defend its territory from a human intruder. A duckling which strays from its parents are among its favorite prey; it can gulp them down in a single mouthful.

Like its close relative, a herring gull, the Lesser black-backed gull is a scavenger; it sometimes follows the ship for offal thrown into the sea, and inland it searches a rubbish tip for anything edible.

The lying around in the sun is many people's idea of the happiness.

The accused was finally convicted of the breaking and entering.

I prefer the listening to opera to the watching it.

If there's one thing I hate, it's the shopping for Christmas presents.

Decide whether these sentences are acceptable. Correct the mistakes in any that are not.

1. The sick and elderly were helped out of the building.
2. A deceased has not been named until relatives have been informed.
3. The extremely rich tends to live in one of the suburbs in the hills above the town.
4. This new research is venturing into the unknown.
5. You are asking me to do the impossible: I simply can't do them.
6. I am asking you to resign for the good of the company.
7. For a Hollywood film, it is definitely out of the ordinary.
8. The supernatural are something I've always been interested in.

Choose the correct word. If both are correct, choose both.

1. Are those **sheep** / **sheeps** or goats in that field over there?
2. How many **sister-in-laws** / **sisters-in-law** have you got?
3. Look at those lovely little **fish** / **fishes**!

4. I've only got one important piece of **new** / **news** to tell you, I think.
5. The hairdresser quickly swept up the **hair** / **hairs** on the floor.
6. I'll be giving you a lot of **information** / **informations**, so do please take notes.
7. We've bought quite a lot of **furniture** / **furnitures** in the last few days.
8. Could you give us both **permission** / **permissions** to miss PE tomorrow?
9. **Linguistic** / **Linguistics** is my favorite subject by far.
10. I'm going to give them all the **advice** / **advices** I can.
11. What kind of **jewelry** / **jewelries** are you interested in getting?
12. Would you like some **chocolate** / **chocolates**?
13. You've got to have very good general **knowledge** / **knowledges** to go on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*.

Complete the following sentences with A/AN/THE if necessary.

1. I think there's _____ chemist open in _____ main road somewhere.
2. One of _____ people whom I met at _____ lecture _____ last night is _____ architect for quite _____ well-known firm.
3. _____ quality screwdriver is _____ essential part of any tool box.
4. Who designed _____ invitations for _____ wedding?
5. _____ poor and _____ elderly are often left behind when it comes to _____ modern technology.
6. When I was at _____ school, we had to wear _____ shorts until we were 11 and then we were allowed to wear _____ pair of long trousers.
7. I met _____ writer _____ Catherine Hawkins _____ other day. She signed _____ copy of her _____ latest book for me.
8. I honestly believe that _____ car is one of _____ worst inventions in _____ history of _____ world.
9. Is that _____ ewe or _____ elk?
10. What's _____ difference between _____ unicorn and _____ postbox? You don't know? Then, I'm not going to ask you to post _____ letter for me!