

Fill in the blanks with either “a”, “an”, or “the”.

I went to 1)_____ airport at 6:00 AM yesterday. I had to catch 2)_____ flight to Paris. The lines at 3)_____ airport were very long, so I had to wait 4)_____ long time. Once 5)_____ plane took off, I tried to get some sleep but I couldn't. Then I ate 6)_____ pretty good meal, 7)_____ rare occurrence on airplanes! Later, I spoke to one of 8)_____ flight attendants for 9)_____ while. She was pretty. She told me that 10)_____ pilot of 11)_____ airplane was French. I managed to fall asleep for about 12)_____ hour. After I woke up, I felt refreshed. I ordered 13)_____ drink, then another. Generally, it was 14)_____ pretty smooth flight.

Jim, 1)_____ old friend of mine, used to work in downtown Los Angeles. He had 2)_____ good job in one of 3)_____ biggest law firms in 4)_____ city. He was 5)_____ honest, hard-working lawyer, but he hated his job. So he decided to quit, and to become 6)_____ surfer instead. Now Jim spends his days surfing 7)_____ waves of Malibu. It isn't 8)_____ easy life, but it makes him happy. Soon after he quit his job, Jim met 9)_____ beautiful surfer named Jenny. After they went out for 10)_____ couple of months, they decided to get married.

At 1)_____ beginning of 2)_____ twentieth century, East Los Angeles became 3)_____ popular immigrant destination. In 4)_____ early 1900s, Russians, Jews, Japanese, and Mexicans all had 5)_____ significant presence in 6)_____ area. Living east of 7)_____ river and working in nearby factories, or traveling by electric rail into downtown Los Angeles, immigrants and their children helped fuel 8)_____ prosperity of 9)_____ growing metropolis. By 10)_____ onset of World War II, East Los Angeles had almost become 11)_____ exclusively Latino community, soon reinforced by 12)_____ influx of Mexican workers who arrived to man the machines in 13)_____ area's burgeoning war industries.

1. _____ Chinese is a difficult language to learn. 2. _____ general's army attacked the city at night. 3. I like to play _____ basketball. 4. My parents gave me _____ basketball for my birthday. 5. She is _____ prettiest girl in the school. 6. I have _____ idea! Let's go bowling. 7. I have borrowed _____ money from her before. 8. My first apartment was on _____ Orange Street. 9. _____ dress she is wearing is blue. 10. He is _____ real gentleman.