

CAE PREMIUM Lesson 1.6

a or an

a before a consonant sound

an before a vowel sound

dog

apple

European

honest person

MP

hand

hotel

Write a or an in the spaces. (A)

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| 1 unreasonable decision | 8 universal problem |
| 2 unit of work | 9 eucalyptus tree |
| 3 honourable man | 10 X-ray |
| 4 UFO | 11 T-shirt |
| 5 happy girl | 12 H-bomb |
| 6 elephant | 13 hospital |
| 7 BBC programme | 14 UNESCO worker |

Pronunciation of the

Pronounced / ði: / before vowel

Pronounced / ðə / before consonant

the ice / ði: /

the snow / ðə /

	town			hour
		hotel	elephant	
dog			zebra	
		dinosaur		
			housewife	
opening			apple	
	frozen ice cream			egg

(1) A single South China tiger has been caught on camera by (2) hunter-turned-farmer, (3) first confirmed sighting for 30 years of (4) sub-species that (5) experts had feared was extinct, (6) Xinhua news agency said on Friday. Zhou Zhenglong took over 70 snaps of (7) young tiger lying in (8) grass near (9) cliff in (10) mountainous part of China. (11) experts confirmed (12) images showed one of (13) elusive cats.

Curiously, (14) villagers from (15) farmer's home area had reported (16) sightings of (17) tigers, and paw-prints, but apparently none had been confirmed for (18) decades.



Correct the sentences, focusing on the use of articles. Then compare with a partner and explain your corrections.

- 1** If you join the army in the UK, you can study a corresponding degree for free.
- 2** Harry is planning to join an expedition to climb the Mount Kilimanjaro the next year.
- 3** I would like to do a research into the mosquito-borne diseases.
- 4** There was a thought-provoking documentary about FBI on TV the last night.
- 5** Research has shown that the female students tend to do better than the male students at academic subjects.
- 6** The deadline for handing in your dissertation is the Friday after next.

Decide what the difference in meaning is between these pairs of sentences.

- 1** **a** Mauricio went to school in London.
b Mauricio went to a school in London.
- 2** **a** The workers will benefit from this new law.
b Workers will benefit from this new law.
- 3** **a** His father is in prison right now.
b His father is at the prison right now.
- 4** **a** There is little evidence that learning disorders are hereditary.
b There is a little evidence that learning disorders are hereditary.
- 5** **a** In future, all test results will be emailed to candidates.
b In the future, all test results will be emailed to candidates.

bit of	in hurry	make start	have drink
on coast	in pink	off record	do turn
go to wall	play blues	through nose	
in debt	on loan	out of action	

The origins of chess

A great (0) deal has been written about the origins of modern chess, and there (1) still considerable debate about the subject. (2) theory most widely accepted is that its earliest ancestor was Shaturanga, a game played in India from around AD 600. (3) with modern chess, Shaturanga was played on a board with 64 squares. Pieces such as Kings, Queens and Knights were able to move in different ways with (4) aim of capturing other pieces and, at the end of the game, the opponent's King. Unlike chess, it was played by four people, (5) with their own army, the other main difference (6) the use of dice to decide which piece moved each turn. Some chess historians believe that the game in fact derives (7) a Persian game, Shatranj, the first references to which also (8) from the sixth century. In Shatranj, the powers of the King to move and capture pieces (9) more limited than in Shaturanga. (10) there may be disagreement about its origins, it is generally accepted that chess in essentially the form it is played today appeared in southern Europe around the end of the fifteenth century and quickly spread (11) the continent. (12) this time, the Queen had become the most powerful piece of all. Today, chess has become one of the world's (13) popular games. It is played by millions of people both informally and in tournaments, and (14) number of people playing online (15) increasing with access to the Internet.

Ways to reduce stress

do regular exercise

have a night out with friends

buy a pet

turn off your mobile phone

listen to relaxing music

Write your ideas here

Extract One

- 1** When discussing an online article they have both read, the friends agree that
- A** teenagers have a mature attitude towards social media.
 - B** the writer is being unfair in their criticism of influencers.
 - C** influencers use social media in a widely inclusive way.
- 2** In the woman's opinion, the problem with using influencers to advertise on social media is
- A** the lack of sincerity shown to consumers.
 - B** the excessive fees charged by the influencers.
 - C** the obsessive behaviour of the people following influencers.

Extract Two

- 3** Which research findings into fake news does the man question?
- A** that people lack awareness of the tricks used by news publishers
 - B** that people often trust stories that correspond to their opinions
 - C** that people find it an entertaining distraction from reality
- 4** How does the woman respond to her friend's complaint?
- A** She recommends reading a wider variety of sources for news.
 - B** She suggests trying out a technical solution.
 - C** She can't understand his decision to turn away from current affairs.

Extract Three

- 5** What point does the woman make about the project she is doing?
- A** How grateful she is for some advice she received from a friend
 - B** How appreciative she is of contemporary resources for learning
 - C** How repetitive she found doing all the research
- 6** The man says that since starting to watch online talks he has become
- A** more creative in his general approach to study skills.
 - B** less embarrassed about his lack of technical proficiency.
 - C** more willing to collaborate with his peers on his course.