Articles Exercises (a, an, the) With Answers

Level A1–B1 · 25 questions · about 20 minutes

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25 articles exercises with answers: a vs an, a / an vs the, and the vs no article. Answer key with short explanations at the end.

Part A: a or an? (A1)

Complete with a or an. Listen to the first sound, not the first letter.

Word box: a · an

1. She's _____ engineer.
2. I need _____ umbrella.
3. He has _____ university degree.
4. It takes _____ hour to get there.
5. We stayed in _____ hotel near the beach.
6. That's _____ unusual name.
7. My brother is _____ European champion.
8. Can I have _____ apple, please?

Part B: a / an or the? (A2)

Choose the correct option.

9. I bought a new phone. _____ phone has a great camera.
   a) A b) The
10. Could you close _____ door, please?
    a) a b) the
11. _____ sun rises in the east.
    a) A b) The
12. She works as _____ nurse.
    a) a b) the
13. Is there _____ bank near here?
    a) a b) the
14. Who is _____ best player in your team?
    a) a b) the
15. I'm going to _____ supermarket. Do you need anything?
    a) a b) the
16. We had _____ amazing holiday.
    a) an b) the
17. _____ moon looks huge tonight.
    a) A b) The

Part C: the or no article? (B1)

Choose the correct option. (—) means no article.

18. _____ life is too short to worry.
    a) The b) (—)

19. I love _____ music.
    a) the b) (—)
20. _____ music in this café is too loud.
    a) The b) (—)
21. She goes to _____ school by bus.
    a) the b) (—)
22. Have you ever been to _____ United States?
    a) the b) (—)
23. Mount Everest is in _____ Himalayas.
    a) the b) (—)
24. _____ Lake Geneva is beautiful.
    a) The b) (—)
25. They had _____ breakfast at 8.
    a) the b) (—)

Answer key

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Part A: a or an? (A1)

1. an
2. an
3. a (University starts with a 'you' sound.)
4. an (The h in hour is silent.)
5. a
6. an
7. a (European starts with a 'you' sound.)
8. an

Part B: a / an or the? (A2)

9. The (Second mention: we already know which phone.)
10. the
11. The (There is only one sun.)
12. a
13. a
14. the (Superlatives take the.)
15. the
16. an
17. The

Part C: the or no article? (B1)

18. (—) (Abstract nouns in general take no article.)
19. (—)
20. The (Specific music: the music in this café.)
21. (—)
22. the
23. the (Mountain ranges take the; single mountains do not.)
24. (—)
25. (—)

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