

PROBLEMS WITH ARTICLES

Skill 52: USE ARTICLES WITH SINGULAR NOUNS

EXERCISE 52: The following sentences contain different types of nouns. Circle only the countable singular nouns. Mark where articles (or determiners) have been omitted. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. She is taking tripwith friends.
- ___ 2. In my yard there are flowers, trees, and grass.
- ___ 3. The manager sent memo to his employees.
- ___ 4. There is car in front of the building.
- ___ 5. The child and his friends are having milk and cookies.
- ___ 6. She is studying to be an actress in films.
- ___ 7. My neighbor was arrested for throwing rocks through windows.
- ___ 8. We have machinery that prints ten pages each minute.
- ___ 9. Teacher has many students during a semester.
- ___ 10. Can you heat water for tea?

Skill 53: DISTINGUISH A AND AN

EXERCISE 53: Each of the following sentences contains a or an. Circle each a or an. Underline the beginning of the word that directly follows. Pronounce the word. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. The dishwasher quit his job because he was making only four dollars a hour.
- ___ 2. It was an unexpected disappointment to receive a rejection letter from the university.
- ___ 3. It is raining, so you should bring a umbrella.
- ___ 4. He bought a half gallon of milk and a box of a hundred envelopes.
- ___ 5. An objection was raised because it was such a unacceptable idea.
- ___ 6. The workers at the plant do not belong to a union.
- ___ 7. The police officer was not wearing an uniform when she arrested the suspect.
- ___ 8. If you do not give me a hand, finishing the project on time will be an impossibility.
- ___ 9. She was upset when a honest mistake was made.
- ___ 10. She opened a account at a local department store.

Skill 54: MAKE ARTICLES AGREE WITH NOUNS

EXERCISE 54: Each of the following sentences contains a or an. Circle each a or an. Draw an arrow to the noun it describes. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. She went to school in a local community.
- ___ 2. The doctor used (an) other pills.
- ___ 3. It is necessary to have a farm or land of your own.
- ___ 4. He must contact a members of the club.
- ___ 5. You will need a pen or a pencil.
- ___ 6. He is responsible for bringing a number of items.
- ___ 7. You must write a report on a subjects of your choice.
- ___ 8. They crossed through several forests and a stream.
- ___ 9. There will be another important lessons tomorrow.
- ___ 10. He could not give me a good reasons for what he did.

Skill 55: DISTINGUISH SPECIFIC AND GENERAL IDEAS

EXERCISE 55: Each of the following sentences contains one or more articles. Circle the articles. Draw arrows to the nouns they describe. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. He took a trip on a Snake River later.
- ___ 2. I'll meet you at the library later
- ___ 3. The ball hit a child on a head.
- ___ 4. He had a best grade in the class on the exam.
- ___ 5. The people who came here yesterday were here again today.
- ___ 6. She was a most beautiful girl in the room.
- ___ 7. The trip that I took last year to the Bahamas was the only vacation I had all year.
- ___ 8. I need a piece of paper so that I can finish the report that I am working on.
- ___ 9. A basketball player threw the ball to a center of the court.
- ___ 10. The sixth-grade class went on a field trip to visit a Lincoln Memorial.

EXERCISE (Skills 52-55): Circle the articles in the following sentences. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. He took a money from his wallet to pay for sweater.
- ___ 2. The notebook that he left had an important assignment in it.
- ___ 3. Because of previous disagreements, they are trying to arrive at an understanding.
- ___ 4. The appearance of room could be improved by adding a green plants.
- ___ 5. The Senate passed law banning smoking in public workplaces.
- ___ 6. Each chemistry student should bring laboratory manual to a next class.
- ___ 7. She admitted that she made mistake but said that she had made a honest effort.
- ___ 8. His absence from the board meeting was a strong indications of his desire to leave the company.
- ___ 9. The car needed gas, so the driver stopped at a service station.
- ___ 10. Anyone taking group tour to the Hawaiian Islands must pay fee before a first of the month.

TOEFL EXERCISE (Skills 52-55): Choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is not correct.

- ___ 1. On a trip down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, the equipment will in all probability be carried by a burros.
A B C D
- ___ 2. Ford designed the first large-scale assembly line at plant in Highland Park, Michigan.
A B C D
- ___ 3. In the human body, blood flows from a heart through the arteries, and it returns through the veins.
A B C D
- ___ 4. The scholarship that Wilson received to study history at Cambridge presented an unique opportunity.
A B C D
- ___ 5. Observations from Earth indicate that at the solar surface, the outward magnetic field is a strongest at the polar regions.
A B C D
- ___ 6. A radar images of Venus add details about a planet dominated by volcanoes and lava.
A B C D
- ___ 7. In 1863 and 1864, the U.S. Congress passed the National Bank Acts, which set up a system of privately owned banks chartered by a federal government.
A B C D
- ___ 8. An human ear responds to a wide range of frequencies.
A B C D
- ___ 9. Bacteria that live in soil and water play a vital role in recycling carbon, nitrogen, sulfur, and another chemical elements used by living things.
A B C D
- ___ 10. During the U.S. Civil War, an American balloonist organized a balloon corps in Army.
A B C D

TOEFL REVIEW EXERCISE (Skills 1-55): Chose the lletter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentences.

1. In economics, "diminishing returns" describes ____ resource inputs and production.
(A) among
(B) when it is
(C) among them
(D) the relationship between
2. When lava reaches the surface, its temperature can be ten times ____ boiling water.
(A) the temperature
(B) that of
(C) it is
(D) more
3. Rarely ____ remove the entire root of a dandelion because of its length and sturdiness.
(A) can the casual gardener
(B) the casual gardener
(C) the casual gardener will
(D) does the casual gardener's

Choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is not correct.

- ____ 1. Operas can be broadly classified as either comedies or they are tragedies.
A B C D
- ____ 2. Tungsten has the highest melting point of all metals, and for this reason it is often use in equipment that must withstand high temperatures.
A B C D
- ____ 3. Whereas there are forty-three ant species in Great Britain, the same amount of ant species can be found in a single tree in Peru.
A B C D
- ____ 4. People voice theirs opinions first in small groups or among friends and acquaintances.
A B C D
- ____ 5. Inside the Lincoln Memorial is a large statue of Lincoln make from white marble.
A B C D
- ____ 6. Detailed photometric data of the area just north of Triton's equatorial region indicate the existence of a thin, transparent layers of frost.
A B C D
- ____ 7. U.S. census figures indicate that people with only an elementary education can earn just half as much as college graduations.
A B C D