

Basics. Articles in Academic Writing

Hard

C2 | Proficiency

Article

Countable and uncountable

Determiner

Noun

Phrase

Collocations

1. Step into the shoes of a peer reviewer examining a biology manuscript. Select the correct combination of articles to complete the author's argument.

"In evolutionary biology, _____ human eye is often cited as an example of complex adaptation, though _____ vision itself evolved independently multiple times."

Select one.

- A) the / — (no article)
- B) a / the
- C) — (no article) / — (no article)
- D) the / the

2. Help the stressed grad student finalize her thesis abstract by selecting the correct option for each gap. Choose 'no article' if nothing is needed.

Since _____ advent of artificial intelligence, _____ paradigm shift has occurred in how we interact with _____ society; however, _____ recent research suggests that this change is largely superficial.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) the
- B) an
- C) no article

Blank 2

- A) a
- B) the
- C) no article

Blank 3

- A) no article
- B) the
- C) a

Blank 4

- A) no article
- B) the
- C) a

3. Help an exhausted grad student fix the introduction to their sociology thesis. Choose the correct articles for the blanks.

"While analyzing _____ behavior of urban foxes, researchers noted that _____ social cohesion is crucial for their survival."

Select one.

- A) the / — (no article)
- B) — (no article) / the
- C) the / the
- D) — (no article) / — (no article)

4. A peer reviewer is fixing the article usage in a medical journal submission. Select the correct option for each blank, choosing 'no article' if the space should be left empty.

To develop _____ comprehensive understanding of how _____ human brain processes trauma, researchers must consult _____ literature rather than relying solely on observations of _____ nature.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) a
- B) the
- C) no article

Blank 2

- A) the
- B) a
- C) no article

Blank 3

- A) the
- B) a
- C) no article

Blank 4

- A) no article
- B) the
- C) a

5. Help the history professor review her student's thesis on technological paradigms! Select ALL the sentences that grammatically and naturally express a generic reference to an invention.

Select all that apply.

- A) The printing press fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.
- B) Printing presses fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.
- C) A printing press fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.
- D) Printing press fundamentally altered the distribution of knowledge in Renaissance Europe.

6. Help the sociology student polish her methodology section by choosing the correct article for each blank. (Use '--' to indicate that no article is needed).

In _____ qualitative research, _____ mere presence of an observer can inadvertently trigger _____ artificial response from the participants.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) the
- B) a
- C) --

Blank 2

- A) a
- B) --
- C) the

Blank 3

- A) the
- B) --
- C) an

7. Step into the shoes of a meticulous peer reviewer! Select ALL the sentences that correctly apply articles to abstract nouns in this psychology journal submission.

Select all that apply.

- A) Intelligence is heavily influenced by a complex interplay of genetic and environmental factors.
- B) The intelligence of the cephalopods observed in the study surprised the marine biologists.
- C) The intelligence is heavily influenced by a complex interplay of genetic and environmental factors.
- D) Intelligence of the cephalopods observed in the study surprised the marine biologists.

8. You are grading a brilliantly written, yet slightly flawed, economics paper. Choose the right articles to polish this sentence.

"Smith's paper introduces _____ novel framework for understanding inflation; however, _____ framework fails to account for _____ behavioral economics."

Select one.

- A) a / the / — (no article)
- B) the / the / — (no article)
- C) a / a / the
- D) the / a / the

9. Help an exasperated medical researcher fix her co-author's sloppy manuscript! Select ALL the sentences that correctly use (or omit) articles with organizational abbreviations and medical conditions.

Select all that apply.

- A) NASA has been studying osteoporosis in astronauts for decades to better understand bone density loss.
- B) The WHO recently issued new guidelines for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis.
- C) The NASA has been studying the osteoporosis in astronauts for decades to better understand bone density loss.
- D) WHO recently issued new guidelines for the prevention and treatment of the tuberculosis.