

Basic Rules for A, An, and The

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1. Complete the frustrated roommate's text message by choosing the correct articles.

"Could you please put ____ milk back in ____ fridge when you're done? It's turning into cheese on the counter!"

Select one.

- A) a / a
- B) the / a
- C) a / the
- D) the / the

2. Help the wizard update his magical pet journal by choosing the correct article for each blank.

Yesterday, I adopted ____ iguana and ____ tiny dragon from the magical shelter. I was completely shocked when ____ iguana immediately turned invisible and stole my hat!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

3. Help the young wizard double-check his shopping list for potion ingredients. Select ALL the sentences that use "a" and "an" correctly!

Select all that apply.

- A) We require an honest goblin for the bank.
- B) Please buy a unicorn horn for the spell.
- C) I need an umbrella for my pet toad.
- D) Don't forget to pack an wooden wand.
- E) Throw in a eye of newt for good luck.

4. Complete the undercover alien's logbook entry by choosing the correct words for each gap.

Today, I spent ____ hour observing humans at ____ university. It was fascinating, though I still don't understand why they carry heavy bags on their backs.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

5. Fill in the blanks for this frustrated roommate's text message.

I need _____ new roommate. Someone hid _____ remote control again, and I'm stuck watching a documentary about competitive cheese rolling.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

6. Read Detective Clouseau's field notes about the great bakery heist. Select ALL the sentences that correctly apply the rules for first and second mentions of a noun.

Select all that apply.

- A) I saw a suspicious man holding a baguette. The man was running very fast.
- B) A pigeon flew away with a croissant. The pigeon looked extremely pleased with itself.
- C) I saw the suspicious man holding a baguette. A man was running very fast.
- D) A dog chased a cat out of the kitchen. A dog was barking loudly.

7. Complete the astronaut's transmission to Earth by dropping the right words into her report.

We just installed _____ new telescope on the space station. It took almost _____ hour to set up, but now we have a perfect view of _____ moon glowing brightly against the darkness!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

8. Zorg the alien is trying to order food at a diner but keeps messing up his earthly grammar. Select ALL the sentences where Zorg uses "a/an" and "the" correctly!

Select all that apply.

- A) Could you pass me the salt on the table?
- B) I need a napkin because I spilled my cosmic soup.
- C) The waitress who took our order was very friendly.
- D) I am looking at a moon outside the window.
- E) I would like to order a most expensive dish here.

9. Help the hungry detective finish his secret case notes by choosing the correct article for each blank.

I disguised myself as _____ undercover cop and sat in the diner. I ordered _____ sandwich with extra pickles, and then I kept my eyes entirely focused on _____ manager of the restaurant.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

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- C) the

Blank 2

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

11. Help the detective finish her rather unusual crime scene report by selecting the correct articles.

I entered the room and saw _____ half-eaten sandwich on the desk. Suddenly, _____ sandwich started moving!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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