

Basics. Articles with Institutions: The vs. No Article

Medium

B1 | Intermediate

Article

Determiner

Noun

1. Complete the village gossip's diary entry by choosing the correct word for each blank.

Every Sunday, Mrs. Higgins goes to _____ church to sing loudly and off-key in the choir. On Monday morning, a local carpenter went to _____ church to fix the stained-glass window she accidentally broke with her high notes.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

2. Listen to the neighborhood gossip! Select ALL the sentences that correctly use articles to talk about the local school.

Select all that apply.

- A) My son started school last week, and he already loves his teacher!
- B) The parents are painting the school this weekend to help out.
- C) My son started the school last week, and he already loves his teacher!
- D) The parents are painting school this weekend to help out.

3. Help the confused plumber complete his text message to his boss.

I'm standing outside ____ school right now, but I can't find the leaking pipe you told me to fix!

Select one.

- A) a
- B) the
- C) (no article)
- D) an

4. Read this exhausted parent's text message to a friend and choose the right words.

Little Timmy goes to _____ every weekday to learn, but he always forgets his lunch!
This morning, I had to drive back to _____ in my pajamas just to drop off his sandwich.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

5. Help the college counselor complete her notes by choosing the appropriate article for each gap.

Since Brenda started studying at _____ university, she has been thoroughly enjoying her independence. However, her overprotective mother marched into _____ university last week to complain about the cafeteria food!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

6. Help Detective Miller complete his case notes about the notorious art thief.

After a long trial, the infamous jewel thief was finally sent to _____ for ten years.

Yesterday, I drove to _____ to interview him about the missing diamonds, but he refused to talk.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

7. Complete the true crime podcast transcript by choosing the correct article for each blank.

After the great diamond heist, Arthur was sent to _____ prison for ten years. His loyal sidekick, Benny, drove to _____ prison every Sunday to bring him smuggled chocolate.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

8. Complete the news anchor's dramatic evening broadcast.

After the great diamond heist of 2020, the infamous cat burglar was finally caught and sent to ____ prison for ten years.

Select one.

- A) the
- B) a
- C) (no article)
- D) an

9. Help the sleepy cat owner finish their online forum post.

I was absolutely exhausted and just wanted to go to _____, but my fluffy cat, Sir Paws, had other plans. He was sitting right in the middle of _____, glaring at me like I was an intruder in his kingdom!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

10. Choose the correct option to complete the proud alien mother's boast.

My son Zorg is incredibly smart; he starts ____ university next fall to study Earthling behavior!

Select one.

- A) the
- B) a
- C) an
- D) (no article)

11. Help the local journalist proofread her crime report. Select ALL the sentences that use articles correctly.

Select all that apply.

- A) The notorious jewel thief was finally sent to prison for ten years.
- B) The repairmen drove to the prison to fix a broken security camera.
- C) The notorious jewel thief was finally sent to the prison for ten years.
- D) The repairmen drove to prison to fix a broken security camera.