ARTICLES

- 1. Study the *General rules*
- -The Indefinite article **a/an** derived from *one* and thus is used with **singular countable** nouns in the meaning **one** or **any (one) of the kind**.
- -The definite article **the** derived from *this* and thus is used with **countable**, **singular and plural**, and **uncountable** nouns in the meaning **that particular** or **unique**.
- -No article/zero article is used before plural uncountable and countable nouns in generic sense or with abstract nouns.
- -There are separate rules of the use of articles with *Proper/Personal* nouns.
- -There are some *set expressions* to look up in a dictionary and remember.
- -The articles are only used before nouns; if there are adjectives before a noun, the article is put before the adjective(s).
- -When there are two or more nouns, the article may refer to the whole group and be used once.

2. Analyse and discuss with your teacher the examples. Make your own notes so you can use the table.

notes	a/an	the	zero
mentioning/naming	1)I eat <u>an</u> orange every	1) Have you eaten the	1) I don't eat _oranges
things	day.	orange I left on the	and I'm allergic to _limes.
		table?	
	2) Make me <u>a</u> nice cup	2) Thank you for <u>the</u>	2) Do you like _green
	of tea, will you?	tea! It was refreshing.	tea?
	3) An orange juice and a	3) Who is the juice for?	3) Let us not take_ olives!
	mineral water please.	How was <u>the</u> (=your)	Let's take _ice-cream for
		fish? Mine was great!	_dessert.
	4) I've got <u>a</u> sister.	4) <u>The</u> sister of yours	4) I've got _two sisters.
	She's got <u>a</u> son and	gave me a very nasty	_Older siblings often take
	_daughter.	time!	control.
	5) You have <u>a</u> point	5) <u>The</u> interesting point	5) There is no_ point in
	here.	is that most people	discussing it now.
speaking in general	1) A planet is a celestial	1) The planets of the	1)_Scientists may
	body larger than <u>an</u>	Solar system orbit the	discover _farther planets
	asteroid or_ comet.	sun.	in the 21 st century.
	2) <u>A</u> cat will never	2) <u>The</u> tiger is the	2) _Tigers are lazy: they
	scratch <u>a</u> baby.	largest cat species.	only hunt when hungry.
with Adverbial	1) There is <u>a</u> big table in	1) The bed is to the left	1) Chests-of-drawers are
Modifiers of Place	my living-room.	of <u>the</u> window.	common in _hotel rooms
	2) I'd like to celebrate	2) Let's go to the	2) People often meet in
	my birthday in <u>a</u> cafe.	cinema.	_cinemas or _cafes.
	3) You can walk around	3) They live in the	3) Life in _big cities is
	in <u>an</u> amazingly quiet	countryside in the North	stressful.
	countryside.	of England.	They never leave _town.
	4) Eton is <u>an</u> all-boys	4) I went to the school	4) I went to_school in
	boarding school.	to talk to the teacher.	1997.
	5) "I need <u>a</u> home,	5) 10 Dawning Street is	5) Is anybody at_ home?
	someone to love"	the home of the British	
with notions; school	(D. Gordon)	Prime Minister	1) Varbs can be divided
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IIIIESSES	council normally deal	controlled by the	deals with _problems of
	with?	government.	accommodation
	WILLI:	3) I'm forgetting all the	3) I like _ maths/billiards
		physics I learnt at school	Ji like _ matris/ billiarus
	4) a bad cold/headache	4) (the) flu	4) _malaria; (the)measles
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Exercises

1. Complete the gaps with articles and explain their use.

-	It'sinteresting matter. What'smatter? It's nomatter what you really mean. She haslong glossy hair. There'shair in my salad!
-	giraffe istallest animal in the world. We sawgiraffe inZoo.
5) 6)	parents gave meguitar onmy sixteenth birthday. Can you playguitar?makingglass is very interestingmaking ofglass made Florence really richconstitution isbasic law ofstate. You need to havestrong constitution to bepolice officer.
	sun isstar. It wasmidnight andstars had already made their appearancestars are ofdifferent colours: blue, yellow and redred arecoldest. We've boughtnew television. I hardly ever watchtelevisiontelevision was invented byI. Baird,Scottish engineer.
	There is noroom fordiscussion! We needmeeting room that can seat 20 people. Mr. Slay is inRoom 23. I quite likedroom. Look there'splenty room here.
11)	We stayed atBed & Breakfast. Don't sit on bed! I love to read inbed. Have you metlove ofyour life yet? Have you heardsong "Love that will never grow old"?love is stronger thandeath. "Herelife hasdeath forneighbour" (A. Ch. Swinburne) "Death ofHero" by Richard Aldington is aboutartist who enlists inarmy atbeginning ofWorld War I. "Life" used to bepopular magazine in1950s.
12)	Havetime! I decided to make my dreams come true:time was right for me. Sorry, I haven't gottime. There'stime for everything. (The Bible) She rushed upstairs taking two steps attime. That's all fortime being.
13)	We talked it throughother day. "Hell is other people." (J-P Sartre) Letothers worry aboutfuture, I only care forpresent. Onone hand, we need to save up forrainy day, onother hand, we need to enjoy alllittle luxuriesmoney can buy. Have you checked allemails today?
	Ok. I'll do itfirst thing tomorrow. Atfirst, I didn't believe himfirst of all, we have to makebusiness plan. Is there anything you'd like to change infirst place?first-borns are likely to have higher IQs;eldest tend to be more ambitious, however,first-born women stand40% chance to be obese andfirst-born men often havepoor eyesight. This isfirst time I've drivencar. Atfirst sight, they looked like usual business partners, but onsecond thoughts, I realised there was something more between them. Try againsecond time now. The termsfirst andlast refer tophysical location ofnode along trunk cable.
	2. Complete the gaps with proper articles.
2)	people who're going to travel inAfrica must haveinoculation againstmalaria. -Did you know thattango first started asdance oftwo men and didn't involve embrace? -Really? I lovetango they dance in1992 movie "Scent ofWoman".
	She's boughtnew car. It'sMercedes. -There'sblood on your shirt. – Where? – There,small spot right nearsleeve.
-	You gavewrong answercorrect answer is B.
	–Listen, can you hearnoise? – Yes,noise is coming fromsecond floor.
-	I'm not going to consider suchproposal. Whatmess! What have you been doing inbedroom?
-	insects aremost numerous species inworld.
10)	-How did she manage to wingame? - You know,beginner's luck.
	This toothpaste is suitable for any kind ofteeth.
	Whatawful weather!rain hasn't stopped for three days! – It always pours withrain at this time ofvear.

- 13) He haspart-time job, he works three evenings.......week. I'd like to work......flexitime, too.
 14) Could you agree to.....years of.....pain in....return for.....lifetime ofriches, assome risk-takers did duringCalifornia Gold Rush?
- 15)cinematic person looks better on.....screen and they take well, too.
- 16) Did you getjob you applied forlast month? No, I wasn't even shortlisted forinterview.
- 17) How often do you usually go on......holiday? Once or twiceyear. I usually travel around country butlast summer I went.....abroad forholiday.
- 18) In Russia, atbeginning of20th century,poetry reflected......changes taking place insociety.
- 19) How much......television do you watch on.....average? I only watch.....news inmorning and in.....evening. My wife usually reads......news on......Internet.
- 20) Are we meeting onFriday? I'm afraid not. I'm registered withdentist. Have you gottoothache? Yes,bad tooth and.......other problems. By......way, Anna is inhospital with......appendicitis. Oh, no! Can I visit her inhospital?
- 3. Study the table of the use of articles with unique objects and proper names (for places & periods).

notes	the	zero
continents; countries; cities; city		-South America; Europe
districts; states, regions and	-the Russian Federation; the UK,	-Russia; Great Britain; Spain
provinces	the Emirates	-Texas; Siberia
	but: the Netherlands; the Sudan;	
	the Lebanon; the Argentine*	*Argentin <u>a</u> (=the Argentine)
	- <u>but</u> : the Vatican City; the Hague	-Moscow; Madrid
	-the City; the West End;	but: Manhattan; Queens;
	the Trocadéro	Belgravia; Covent Garden
streets; train stations and lines;	- <u>but</u> : the High Street; the Strand;	-Red Square; Park Lane; Rye Str.
airports; bridges	the Mall	
	but: the Jubilee Line	-Charing Cross; Euston Station; Heathrow
	- <u>but</u> : The Bridge of Sighs	-Tower/Westminster Bridge
water areas	The Pacific Ocean; the Black Sea;	but: Lake Baikal; Lake Titicaca
water areas	the Thames; the Bay of Biscay;	<u>but</u> . Lake Balkal, Lake Titledea
	the Gulf of Mexico; the Panama	
	Canal; the Angel falls	
mountains; islands; peninsulas	the Andes; the Caribbean	(mount) Everest; Cyprus
, , , ,	the Crimea	
lands; deserts; forests & parks	the Highlands; the Ruhr (area);	Black Forest; Hyde Park
	the Sahara Desert	•
directions	(in) the North-east	<u>but</u> : Eastern Europe
historic sights; museums;	the Pyramids; the Hermitage;	<u>but</u> : Drury Lane; Windsor Castle;
cinemas; theatres, hotels	the Odeon; the Globe; the Ritz	Covent Garden Hotel
restaurants; pubs; banks; shops	the Fat Duck; the Red Lion	Lloyd <u>s</u> Bank; Harrod <u>s</u>
the Media	the Financial Times; the radio;	but: Cosmopolitan magazine;
	the television; the Internet	Pravda
organisations & companies	the UN; the European Union	IBM; McDonalds; Danon; Fiat
ships; aeroplanes (names)	the Independent; the Rose Mary	
unique objects	the moon; the stars (of _Orion);	but: Mercury; Big Dipper;
	the equator; the North Pole	Betelgeuse
historic periods	the Bronze age; the Middle Ages;	World War II; Perestroika
	the Enlightenment; the 2 nd	
	World War; (the) Cold war	

Exercises

1. Complete the gaps with proper articles, paying special attention to the Proper nouns.
1)There arereports that plane has crashed intoWorld Trade Center in New York, settingbuilding onfire.
2)Buckingham Palace has announceddeath of Diana,Princess ofWales Princess, who was thirty-six, died latelast night incar crash incentral Paris. (fromBBC News 01.09.1997)
3) —Is thereChemist near here? — Yes, there ischemist onGreen Street. Go along King's Road, turnright intoGreen Street and you'll seechemist next tosupermarket
4) – Where'snearest post office? – It's quite far from here. Takenumber 12 tram, get off at
5) –Have you ever seenNorthern Lights? – No, I haven't, although I've been toAntarctica. -But what you see there isn'tNorthern Lights because it's atSouth Pole. It's called Aurora Borealis.
6) I lovewater areasmost of all. I feelbest inwaterLast summer we
spent our holiday byMediterranean. I'd like to swim inoceannext time.
7)Edinburgh International festival is held inlot of venues, such asEdinburgh Playhouse,
Kings Theatre,Queen's Hall and many other, and also outside, insquare in
front ofEdinburgh Castle.
8) –Have you ever crossedEnglish Channel? – Yes, several times, onferry andEurostar. And have you heard aboutboy who swam acrossChannel?
9) He lovesmountainsmost of all! He's been toRockies, andKilimanjaro, and
Grand Canyon, etc.
10)Taylors are my closest friendsJacksons are our relatives. Did you happen to know
Captain Jackson? He was married toMails,youngest ofMails' three daughters.
11)Philippines issovereign island country inSoutheast Asia situated inWestern Pacific.
12)Seychelles aregroup ofislands inIndian Oceanofficial languages are
Seychellois Creole, based onFrench language, andBritish English.
13) –Where isconcert held? – AtFestival Hall, it's not far from Fifth Avenue. They begin
their performances quite late inevening. Where would you like to go beforeconcert? I'd
like to seeEmpire State Building andNational History Museum. And could we have
dinner inArabic restaurant. I loveArabic food.
14) - Her son went toUniversity of London. – Really? My son studied atLondon University too.
15) – I usually fly withBritish Airways. – Me too. It'svery reliable company. My uncle works
there. – Aspilot?
16) Excuse me, is thatTrafalgar Square? And where'sNational Gallery? How can I get to
Strand from that place? Byway, what dolions atpedestal ofNelson's Column
symbolise?
17)Sherwood Forest is associated withlife andtimes ofRobin Hood,legendary
hero who foughtNorman barons and defeatedpoor.
18)Central Park inNew York ismost visited urban park inUnited States. It was
designed in1858 bytwo soon-to-be-famed national landscapers and architects,
Frederick Law Olmstead andCalvert Vaux.
19)Sydney Harbour Bridge issteel through arch bridge acrossSydney Harbour that
carriesrail,vehicular andpedestrian traffic betweenSydney Central Business
district andNorth Shoredramatic view ofbridge,harbour andnearby
Sydney Opera House isiconic image ofAustralia.
20) – I'm doingresearch intoGreat Barrier Reef. You know, it was selected asWorld's
Heritage Site inyear 1981. –And I'm doingresearch intolegacy ofRenaissance.

2. Complete the gaps with proper articles.

 Are youonly child infamily? – No, I'myoungest. Why? – I'm doingresearch intoeffects ofbirth order. I never thought thatfirst-borns, middle-borns andlast-borns fall underdifferent categories interms of personality. 2)only thing I understood was I'd appearedleast desirable guest atparty, if not gatecrasher.
 3) WhenLabour Party was inpower they introducedlot ofsocial reforms. 4) - He was summoned tocourt aswitness. – I know. He was going to testify against defendantcourt is hearingcase on23rd ofApril. I happen to know one man ojury.
5) Two kilometres isn'tlong distance; I ranfive kilometre race atweekend. And longest I've ever run wasten kilometres race. We were raisingmoney forcharities 6) Why did you call himexpert? He can't tellRubens fromRembrandt.
7) You're studyingeconomics, aren't you? Are you hoping to changeeconomy of
8)flight attendant helpspassengers to get onplane and servesfood and drink to them duringflight.9) Let's go out fordrink, shall we?
10) I hatehot weather!last summer we hadheat wave withday highs up to45 degrees!
 11) - She's gotdog, it'sGerman Shepherd. –Really? Dochildren likedog? 12) My Dad isgreat follower ofroutine: he hasbreakfast at8 o'clock,lunch atnoon,tea atfive, anddinner athalf past seven inevening. 13) Come on,child! You really needbath, you're covered inmud fromhead totoe.
14)Colonel Bradley is married toHelen Wilson, who used to beMiss Dodson, youngest daughter ofCharlie Dodson and thenrich widow afterGary Wilson's deatl 15) It gives mereal pleasure to greet you atexhibition offolk arts in our museum. Let's look at this tapestry forstart – it representsgenuine Russian landscapetapestries onright representscenes oflife ofdifferent peoples ofcountry fromNorth toSouth and fromWest toEast.
16)man is mortal and frightened ofdeath. 17) TakeA 4 and turn intoBristol Road.
18) - Have you read this article?author calls VivaldiRaphael ofmusic! – And you agree -Not inleast, oncontrary, Vivaldi israther primitive.
19) You've reachedBarclays Bank. Please pressstar button and dialnumber of department you need. If you don't knowextension, please hold on.
20)father isn't coming todinner, he has to stay late atwork. –Are you sure he toldtruth? – I don't know. – I knowtruth is that he needs a pretext for not seeing Sarah.
21)men have to wearsuit andtie injob andfemale employees have to weadress suits,knee-length skirts and they can't weartrousersdress code in our office is very strict.
22) – Do you travel towork incar? – No, bytrain.
23)Golden Gate Bridge isremarkable architectural and engineering construction.
24) Alice used to readTelegraph forsocial gossip. When she was athigh school,
fortune teller predicted that she would marryDuke ofNorfolk! So Alice wanted to get accustomed toidea of becominglady.
25) - He took her byhand and look her ineye. –Are you going to tell mefairy tale oftrue love andgoing throughlifehand inhand?
26)Ancient Greeks believed ingods;idea ofGod was not known to them. 27) When didFrench Revolution occur? In1790s?

 28) We were looking forplace to spendnight. I hate sleeping onfloors, you know. Anyway, we were prepared to sleep inopen air, watchingstarts looking down on us, then, all ofsudden, Jack spottedsign forinn. 29) – Could you pass mesalt, please? – You eat too muchsalt, don't you? Byway, are you going togrocer's? We've run out ofsugar. – Ok, I'll buy some. Thank you forvery nice lunch. 30) – Does she really takekids tochurch every Sunday? – She does. This reminds me. What were you doing atmosqueday before yesterday?
31) - James wants to live to behundred, so he takesenormous care of his health. On Monday he goes toyoga class, on Wednesday he attendsvegetarian cookery class, at weekend he goes hiking inwoods and cooks onfire. He never sits insun because it is bad forskin and might bereason forcancer. He doesn't believe thatbeing prone tovarious diseases is ingens. – Why onearth are you telling mestory abouthealth freak?
32)sunset was amazing! But when we woke up atdawn, we sawfar more fascinating thingsunrise.
33) If you're helpingpoor, giving awaymoney, forexample, you should do that with
light heart. 34) How manyUS presidents died inoffice in20 th century? Which king fellvictim tosmallpox?
35) - He worked atLloyds from1993 to2009. – Where exactly? – AtLloyds bank in Lugano,Switzerland.
3. Complete the extracts with proper articles. Look up the Key Answers to check yourself.
Α
'But they are not together,star twins, not really together.' 'No, that istrue, they are not tight up againsteach other insky, there istiny gap between them. That isway ofnature. Think oflovers. Iflovers were tight againsteach other alltime they would no longer need to loveeach other. They would beone. There would be nothing for them to want. That is whynature hasgaps. If everything were packed tightly together, everything inuniverse, then there would be no you or me.'
Abridged from "The Childhood of Jesus" by J.M. Coetzee
D
Bgeneration ago there wereantelope and hares in suchnumbers thatwatchmen withdogs had to patrolfields bynight to protectyoung wheat. But underpressure ofsettlement,antelope have retreatedeastward tolower reaches ofriver. Sometimes, ongood morning, I am enabled to live again allstrength andswiftness of manhood. I wade throughicy water. My eyes are sharp, my hearing is keen, I sniffair likehound, I feelpure exhilaration. I leave my horse hobbled whereline ofmarsh grass ends

on......bleak south-west shore and begin to push my way through......reeds.

Abridged from "Waiting for the Barbarians" by J.M. Coetzee

С
official residence ofHis ExcellencyPrince Bawad bin-Rumallah,ambassador of Royal Kingdom toUnited States ofAmerica, perches expensively on\$ 18 million of real estate overlookingfrothy rapid ofPotomac Riverfew milesupstream from Washington, DC.
few minutes pastmidnight oncrisp fall night ofSeptember 28,gates on whichroyal emblem was mounted swung open and let outcar driven by Nazrah-al-Bawad,, wife ofPrince Bawad.
Abridged from "Florence of Arabia" by Chr. Buckley
D
Tonight was meant to bespecial occasion,celebration, and she hauled herself from, bathtub, brushed her teeth until her gums were sore, sprayed herself withinvigorating floral woodiness, then searched her wardrobe foroutfit that didn't make her look likeMiss MorleyEnglish teacher onnight out with her famous friend. She looked at her watch, withtime to kill, flicked ontelevision. Onnationwide quest to findBritain's Most Talented Pet, Suki Meadows was standing onScarborough sea-front, introducingviewers todog who could playdrums,dog waving his limbs indirection oftiny snare,drumsticks gaffer-taped to his paws.
Abridged from "One Day" by D. Nieballa
Abridged from "One Day" by D. Nicholls
E
She knew Greg must have been infurious temper. She looked atRobert's serious face as he watchedcoffeepot. 'Why did you take suchtrouble to tell them we weren't engaged?' she asked.
'Because we aren't, and I thought making it clear would takelittle ofmelodrama out of situationman is missing – presumablypolice don't know me,townspeople don't know me. How do they know I didn't knock him in onpurpose, to get rid ofrival? 'Did you feel they suspected you oflying?' 'I don't think so. Do you?'
'I don't know. But I didn't think it was necessary to tell them alldetails. Yes,' she said positively and she felt she hadpoint. 'They are interested whether Greg was really sitting onbank and whether he could walk uproad.'
'I said that about not being engaged, Jenny, and it makessense to me.' His tone was gentle, but Jenny sensedgreat hardness under it. They weren't engaged, that wasfact. Maybe they never would be.
Abridged from "The Cry of the Owl" by P. Highsmith