



First Reading and Use of English Part 2 – Open cloze: Articles

Teacher's notes and answer key

Ready for Use of English worksheets focus on particular areas of vocabulary and grammar that may be tested in the Cambridge First examination. They provide extension and/or extra practice of areas covered in the *Ready for First Certificate* Coursebook. They are designed to be used in class or as homework.

Grammar: articles

1

- a. the, a
- b. –, the
- c. a
- d. the, –, –
- e. –, the
- f. a, a, a
- g. the, –, the, the

2

1b 2a 3c

3

Have you ever picked up **a** snail? **The** snail is one of **the** most common creatures you can find in **the** countryside, yet we know little about **the** lifestyle of **the** creature. **The** lower surface of **the** snail's body is moist, which allows it to move, and it has **a** protective shell that generally proves **an** effective way of avoiding – predators. There are – marine snails and – freshwater snails, as well as **the** more familiar snails we know from **the** garden. Indeed, **the** snail is truly **a** remarkable creature.

What to expect in the exam

- 1. an
- 2. The
- 3. the
- 4. the
- 5. the
- 6. a
- 7. The
- 8. a

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Grammar: Articles

1 Fill in the gaps. Write *the*, *a(n)* or – (no article).

- a It was _____ best day of my life. I really can't think of _____ better day.
- b I usually love _____ coffee, but I didn't like _____ coffee you made last night.
- c Shall I get you _____ bar of chocolate or something?
- d I think _____ rich have a lot to answer for. _____ wealth has often resulted in the misuse of _____ power.
- e It's easy to find _____ Hope Street. It's _____ third turning on the left.
- f My brother is _____ professional footballer. He earns more than _____ thousand pounds _____ day.
- g She sailed single-handedly across _____ Atlantic, arriving in _____ New York, in _____ United States, in _____ early hours of yesterday morning.

2 Match 1–3 with a–c to complete the rules.

1 We use *the* . . .2 We use *a(n)* . . .

3 We use no article . . .

a to talk about a singular countable noun for the first time.

b to talk about a unique noun or a noun which has already been identified, and to talk about superlatives, musical instruments, oceans, mountain ranges, deserts, rivers and some countries.

c to talk about nouns in a general sense: plural countable nouns, uncountable nouns and abstract nouns. Also to talk about cities, countries and named streets or buildings.

3 Choose the correct words.

Snails

Have you ever picked up **a/the** snail? **A/The** snail is one of **–/the** most common creatures you can find in **–/the** countryside, yet we know little about **–/the** lifestyle of **a/the** creature. **A/The** lower surface of **–/the** snail's body is moist, which allows it to move, and it has **a/–** protective shell that generally proves **an/the** effective way of avoiding **–/the** predators. There are **–/the** marine snails and **–/the** freshwater snails, as well as **a/the** more familiar snails we know from **a/the** garden. Indeed, **–/the** snail is truly **a/the** remarkable creature.

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Part 2 of the Reading and Use of English Paper focuses mainly on grammar. This is an area of the exam where the use of articles might be checked. Try the example of Part 2 of the exam below.

Part 2

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: (0) a

High Hills by Mary Holland

I read this book for **(0)** _____ literature class. I know it's **(1)** _____ all-time classic, and I did try to like it, but I just didn't get into it. I kept persevering, hoping that I'd start to enjoy it, but no such luck. **(2)** _____ famous scene out on **(3)** _____ moors was definitely **(4)** _____ best bit of the book, but even that I found ridiculous, when it is clearly supposed to be passionate. I don't know why **(5)** _____ literary world sees this book as such **(6)** _____ masterpiece. **(7)** _____ characters are portrayed as being intelligent, but they do such stupid things! And as for it being **(8)** _____ love story – marrying someone you don't love and then being abused by them, that doesn't spell love to me!