EXERCISE 2.1
Fill the gap with a/an or the (this exercise only has singular countable nouns).

1. Sorry, I’ve spilled water on ______ book [there’s only one book on the table so the listener knows which book].
2. Sorry, I’ve spilled water on ______ book [there are lots of books on the table, and it’s not clear to the listener which book].
3. She needs ______ chair from the dining room [the listener can see that there are several chairs in the dining room].
4. She needs ______ chair from the dining room [the listener can see that there’s only one chair in the dining room].
5. Would you mind opening ______ door? [I mean the door of the room we are in.]
6. He walked into ______ door and hit his head [the listener doesn’t know which door].
7. She fell into ______ river [there’s one river in our town].
8. She fell into ______ river [the listener doesn’t know which river – it could be any river in the country].
9. I had dinner in ______ Chinese restaurant [I mean the one near our house].
10. I had dinner in ______ Chinese restaurant [there are hundreds in London and the listener doesn’t know which one].

EXERCISE 2.2
Fill the gap with the if the listener knows which one from the rest of the sentence, or use a/an if the listener doesn’t know (I’m assuming that, for this exercise, the relative clause makes it clear to the listener which one).

1. I drank ______ cup of coffee that I’d just bought.
2. I drank ______ cup of coffee.
3. John’s going out with ______ French girl who we met last week.
4. John’s going out with ______ French girl.
5. I bought ______ new laptop.
6. I bought ______ laptop that I told you about.
7. David had dinner in ______ restaurant.
8. David had dinner in ______ restaurant that he usually goes to.
9. He played ______ piece of music.
10. He played ______ piece of music that we were discussing yesterday.
EXERCISE 2.3
Fill the gap with the if the listener knows which one from the rest of the sentence, or use a/an if the listener doesn’t know (I’m assuming that, for this exercise, the prepositional phrase makes it clear to the listener which one).
1. Let’s meet in ______ café.
2. Let’s meet in ______ café next to my flat.
3. I picked up ______ piece of paper on the floor.
4. I picked up ______ piece of paper.
5. Could you put these flowers on ______ table?
6. Could you put these flowers on ______ table next to the door?
7. I put my new cushion on ______ chair.
8. I put my new cushion on ______ chair next to the fireplace.
9. She bought a new dress in ______ shop.
10. She bought a new dress in ______ shop next to the supermarket.

EXERCISE 2.4
Fill the gap with a/an or the.
1. Julie crashed her bike into ______ tree.
2. Julie crashed her bike into ______ only tree in her garden.
3. We went to ______ restaurant.
4. We went to ______ usual restaurant.
5. John has ______ yellow car.
6. John has ______ same yellow car as Mike.
7. Let’s get ______ taxi.
8. Let’s get ______ next taxi.
9. He brought ______ cake.
10. He brought ______ wrong cake.
11. She put down ______ card and won the game.
12. She put down ______ right card and won the game.

EXERCISE 2.5
Fill the gap with the if it’s necessary. If you can choose, use ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. Everest is ______ highest mountain in the world.
2. Who is ______ oldest person in your family?
3. This dress was ______ cheapest.
4. Which language do you think is ______ easiest to learn?
5. This book is ______ most serious one on the topic.
6. I think that one over there is ______ strongest horse.
7. This film is ______ shortest.
8. She’s ______ fastest runner in her school.
9. That suitcase is ______ lightest.
10. Out of all the cities in Europe, London is ______ biggest.

**EXERCISE 2.6**

If it’s possible to choose between the and ‘no article’, put the. Otherwise, put ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. I read a lot of books on the subject and this one is ______ best.
2. I wake up ______ earliest on Mondays, as I go to a yoga class. On other days I sleep later.
3. Amanda’s ______ happiest when she’s on holiday.
4. Which student in the class is ______ happiest?
5. This juice is ______ most delicious if you chill it for a long time first.
6. The British Library is ______ best in the mornings. It’s too crowded in the afternoons.
7. John is ______ calmest when he’s working.
8. Of all the people in our office, Adrian is ______ calmest.
9. Lucy wakes up ______ earliest in her family.
10. Which juice is ______ most delicious? Apple juice, orange juice or raspberry juice?

**EXERCISE 2.7**

Fill the gaps with a or the.

1. He gave me _____ clock and _____ picture as a wedding present. _____ clock belonged to his grandmother.
2. I took _____ suitcase and _____ backpack on holiday. _____ suitcase was much more useful.
3. John broke _____ vase when he was in Marie’s house. _____ vase was over 100 years old.
4. Julie read _____ book and _____ magazine. She said _____ book was quite boring, though.
5. I washed _____ white shirt and _____ red top together. Now _____ shirt is pink.

**EXERCISE 2.8**

Fill the gaps with a/an or ‘no article’ (Ø). (Remember, all of these are being introduced for the first time and we think the listener doesn’t know which one(s) we mean.)

1. She gave us _____ bread and _____ orange juice. The orange juice was delicious.
2. I got _____ book and _____ magazine from the library.
3. We watched _____ films and _____ TV programmes all night. The films were better.
4. She offered us _____ piece of cake or _____ biscuits.
5. We had _____ broccoli and _____ cheese for dinner.
6. I dropped _____ glass and two bowls. They all broke.

7. We cooked ______ spaghetti and ______ bacon. John had bought the spaghetti in Rome.
8. She has ______ black umbrella and I have ______ blue one. The blue one is much bigger.
9. We had _____ piece of pie and ______ potatoes for lunch. The pie was very good indeed.
10. I took _____ bottle of wine and _____ box of chocolates to the party.
11. I drank _____ cup of coffee and ate _____ biscuits. The biscuits had been made by my mother.
12. She bought __________ shoes and ________ dress to wear to her sister’s wedding.
13. Ruth has ______ son and ______ two daughters. One of the daughters is in my class.
14. They drank ______ water and ______ tea.
15. At the weekend, I crashed my bike into ______ car.
16. I moved into ______ new flat last month. It’s really lovely.
17. Could you get ______ milk and ______ bar of chocolate when you are at the shop?
18. I had ______ pasta and ______ glass of wine last night. The pasta was really good.
19. I spilled ______ coffee on the sofa and I dropped ______ jug of milk on the floor.
20. John has ______ orange chairs and ______ green carpets!

EXERCISE 2.9

Fill the gaps with a/an or the.

1. I bought ______ new dress, but I was annoyed to find that ______ zip was broken.
2. They stopped for ______ picnic. However, ______ lemonade was warm.
3. Amelia went to ______ restaurant. She saw ______ famous actress there.
4. She sat down on ______ chair, and started reading ______ book.
5. They hired ______ car on holiday, but when they opened ______ boot, ______ cat was hiding inside!

EXERCISE 2.10

Choose a/an, the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. William is ______ cutest baby in London.
2. Let’s start again from ______ beginning of the song.
3. I bought ______ new dress.
4. Which is your favourite city in ______ world?
5. He was wearing ______ same T-shirt as his brother.
6. I’ll meet you in ______ usual place.
7. This is ______ only dress I could find.
8. Today is ______ coldest day of the year.
10. He bought a pen and some paper in the shop. ______ pen was red.
11. She crashed her bicycle into a car and broke ______ wheel.
12. She lay on her back on the grass and looked at ______ sky.
13. Everest is ______ highest mountain in the world.
14. I had ______ cup of tea and ______ biscuit. They were both delicious.
15. Please pass ______ water jug [there is one water jug on our table].
16. Have you read ______ book that I lent you?
17. I love looking at ______ planets on a clear night.
18. There’s ______ dirt all over his jeans.
19. What’s ______ title of the film that you saw last night?
20. There’s ______ post office near the bank.

**EXERCISE 2.11**

Choose a/an, the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. The page number is at ______ bottom of each page.
2. How many planets are in ______ solar system?
3. We ate ______ sandwiches and drank ______ water.
4. I bought a new dress. It has a pattern on ______ sleeves.
5. I had ______ cup of coffee for breakfast.
6. I met a man and a woman last night. ______ woman was from Mexico.
7. She bought ______ new laptop.
8. There are ______ people outside.
9. She wants to sit in ______ armchair [there is only one armchair in this room].
10. In the countryside, you can see ______ stars much more clearly than in the city.
11. There’s ______ good hairdresser on that road.
12. I had ______ bread and cheese for lunch.
13. It’s not good for your eyes to look directly at ______ sun.
14. Where’s ______ shop that John works in?
15. I’ve got ______ tent, but it’s very old. You can borrow it if you want.
16. They went for a walk and looked at ______ moon.
17. It’s on ______ back of the page.
18. She gave me ______ last chocolate.
19. She put ______ book in her bag [you don’t know which book].
20. She bought ______ laptop that her brother recommended.

**EXERCISE 2.12**

Choose a/an, the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. I had lunch in a lovely restaurant. ______ main course was excellent.
2. Julie has ______ sister and two brothers.
3. Please pass me ______ coffee on the table [there is one cup of coffee and one table near us].

4. Sorry, that’s ______ wrong book. I need the one by David Jones.
5. It’s amazing to think about how big ______ universe is.
6. John is ______ tallest in his family.
7. There are ______ spiders in the bath.
8. We rented ______ car on holiday.
9. She walked into a beautiful house. ______ kitchen was near ______ front door.
10. There’s ______ Japanese restaurant near my house.
11. The artist’s name is on ______ back of the painting.
12. I bought ______ new computer.
13. My brother is in ______ middle of the photo.
14. She got ______ new shoes last weekend.
15. Which is ______ right answer?
16. There’s ______ luggage in the hall.
17. This is ______ most beautiful painting that I’ve ever seen.
18. I visited ______ old castle yesterday.
19. I bought a new bicycle, but ______ seat is really uncomfortable.
20. At ______ end of the book, they fell in love.

EXERCISE 3.1
Fill the gap with the (if we’re talking about a particular noun or group of nouns) or ‘no article’ (Ø) (if we’re talking in general).

1. He hates ______ cats.
2. I like ______ cats that you have.
3. I gave her back ______ books that she’d lent me.
4. ______ books are expensive.
5. ______ rice is very popular in Asia.
6. Pass ______ rice please [it’s on our table].
7. It’s impressive how clever ______ dogs are.
8. ______ dogs that my friend has are really stupid.
9. Many people say ______ love that you feel for your baby is exceptionally strong.
10. ______ love is more important than money.
11. She loves ______ flowers – you could buy her some for her birthday.
12. I put ______ flowers that I received for my birthday in a vase.
13. ______ chocolate is made from cocoa.
14. She put ______ chocolate that she bought in the fridge.
15. I dropped _____ cakes that you made on the way to the party.
16. She likes making ______ cakes.
17. ______ lions in London Zoo are quite friendly.
18. ______ lions are very scary animals.
19. Do you think ______ money is important for a happy life?
20. I need ______ money that I left on the table.

EXERCISE 3.2
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. We studied ______ German philosophy.
2. We read about ______ poetry of Scotland.
3. He’s interested in ______ human happiness.
4. I took a class on _____ French literature.
5. The book’s about _____ music of Ireland.
6. I’ve never studied _____ art of the Far East.
7. I watched a programme on TV about _____ twentieth-century ideas.
8. She writes about _____ modern art.
9. She’s writing her thesis on _____ philosophy of Hegel.
10. I read an article about _____ history of South America.
11. She read a book about _____ philosophy of Kant.
12. He likes ______ eighteenth-century poetry.
13. There was a documentary about ______ literature of the United States.
14. Could you tell me more about ______ Indian music?
15. There was an article in the paper about ______ Italian art.
16. He likes discussing ______ ideas of the Greek philosophers.
17. They studied ______ science of the natural world.
18. We listened to a lecture on ______ work of Leonardo da Vinci.
19. They are very interested in ______ Chinese calligraphy.
20. We read about ______ British history.

EXERCISE 3.3
Fill the gap with a/an + singular noun if it’s possible. If not, use ‘no article’ (Ø) + plural noun.
1. It’s important for ____________ (nurse) to be kind and friendly.
2. ____________ (nurse) from all the hospitals in the country went on strike last week.
3. ____________ (car) need / needs to be cleaned from time to time.
4. ____________ (car) cause / causes huge environmental problems.
5. ____________ (plant) have / has roots, stems and leaves.
6. Without ____________ (plant), humans couldn’t live.
7. ____________ (tiger) eat / eats meat.
8. ____________ (tiger) kill / kills a few people a year, but most tigers don’t attack people.

EXERCISE 3.4
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø) (all of the sentences are talking about the group in general).
1. ______ young people spend too much time on the internet.
2. ______ young spend too much time on the internet.
3. The government has a duty to protect ______ poor.
4. The government has a duty to protect ______ poor people.
5. How can we find work for all ______ unemployed?
6. How can we find work for all ______ unemployed people?
7. She works with ______ deaf people.
8. She works with ______ deaf.
9. Is it a good idea to raise taxes for ______ rich?
10. Is it a good idea to raise taxes for ______ rich people?
11. I try to help ______ homeless if I can.
12. I try to help ______ homeless people if I can.
13. It’s wrong to exploit ______ weak.
14. It’s wrong to exploit ______ weak people.
15. ______ elderly are often lonely.
16. ______ elderly people are often lonely.
17. This charity helps ______ hungry all over the world.
18. This charity helps ______ hungry people all over the world.
19. This exclusive restaurant is popular with ______ wealthy people.
20. This exclusive restaurant is popular with ______ wealthy.

**EXERCISE 3.5**

Fill the gap with ‘no article’ + plural noun if it’s possible. If it’s not possible, use the + adjective.

1. ___________ (Scottish) like chocolate.
2. ___________ (Kenyan) like chocolate.
3. ___________ (Brazilian) like chocolate.
4. ___________ (Chinese) like chocolate.
5. ___________ (Swedish) like chocolate.
6. ___________ (Italian) like chocolate.
7. ___________ (Turkish) like chocolate.
8. ___________ (Polish) like chocolate.
9. ___________ (Indian) like chocolate.
10. ___________ (Australian) like chocolate.

**EXERCISE 3.6**

Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. I love ______ ice cream.
2. We were reading about ______ philosophy of the Middle Ages.
3. I really hate ______ cats on this street.
4. Look at ______ dust on this table!
5. She studied ______ fifteenth-century art.
6. The lecture was about ______ French literature.
7. She loves ______ ice cream that her mother makes.
8. David is allergic to ______ dust.
9. The children are keen on ______ animals.
10. We spent the afternoon learning about ______ novels of the twentieth century.
11. ______ cigarettes aren’t allowed in here.
12. Could you please pass me ______ salt on the table?
13. She loves reading about ______ Chinese philosophy.
14. I don’t like ______ animals that my brother has.
15. My mother really hates ______ cats.
16. He talks a lot about ______ art of the fourteenth century.
17. I’m not keen on ______ cheese.
18. Julie loves working with ______ children.
19. Where are ______ keys that I left in the hall?
20. We studied ______ African music.

EXERCISE 3.7
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. Can you teach me about ______ Italian food?
2. ______ flowers in that garden are very beautiful.
3. They learned about ______ twentieth-century theatre.
4. I really love ______ coffee.
5. ______ cakes that my flatmate makes are delicious.
6. ______ young people often have trouble finding jobs these days.
7. ______ money doesn’t always lead to ______ happiness.
8. She wrote a book about ______ philosophy of the Middle Ages.
9. ______ peace is better than ______ war.
10. My brother likes ______ chocolate very much.
11. She wrote her thesis about ______ art of the nineteenth century.
12. Many people say that ______ teenagers are lazy, but I don’t think that’s true.
13. Please pass me ______ money on the table.
14. Julie likes ______ coffee that they serve in the café next to her house.
15. I like ______ children who live next door to my house – they are adorable.
16. He really hates ______ mushrooms.
17. ______ teenagers that I know all study hard.
18. We shouldn’t take ______ good health for granted.
19. Could you give John ______ books that I left at your flat?
20. ______ Spanish usually go to bed later than ______ British.

EXERCISE 3.8
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. Julian says that politicians are too hard on ______ poor.
2. ______ Japanese often eat a very healthy diet.
3. She loves ______ Asian food.
4. This charity tries to help ______ hungry in poor countries.
5. How can we provide opportunities for ______ uneducated?
6. ______ Chinese often like green tea.
7. Many processed foods contain ______ palm oil.
8. Are ______ cars a problem?
9. He thinks ______ rich should pay more tax.
10. The Prime Minister is trying to help ______ unemployed.
11. ______ elderly are very powerful politically.
12. She doesn’t drink ______ white wine.
13. ______ black clothes are popular in northern Europe.
14. She thought ______ people of Cambridge were extremely friendly.
15. I really like eating ______ spicy food.
16. This new hotel will be very popular with ______ tourist.
17. ______ rats can carry disease.
18. In the twenty-first century, ______ employees often work at home.
19. How will this new law affect ______ shopkeeper?
20. ______ young children need a lot of sleep.
‘A’ AND ‘THE’ EXPLAINED: EXERCISES

EXERCISE 4.1
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. We travelled by ______ boat when we went on holiday.
2. Laura is on ______ train.
3. How do you get to work? On ______ foot?
4. Can I take ______ train to San Francisco?
5. Get off ______ subway at Central Park North.
6. She went to Paris by ______ train.
7. He loves travelling by ______ bike.
8. You shouldn’t talk loudly while you’re on ______ bus.
9. She could take ______ plane to Glasgow.
10. I travel around London by ______ bus.

EXERCISE 4.2
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. She sent the information by ______ email.
2. Did you hear the news on ______ radio?
3. Could you find out the time of the train by ______ phone?
4. The book arrived by ______ post.
5. Has ______ mail already arrived?
6. How much time do you spend on ______ phone?
7. The scandal was all over ______ newspapers.
8. Could we advertise by ______ mail?
9. These days news is communicated on the internet and the TV as well as by ______ radio.
10. Your document’s in ______ post.

EXERCISE 4.3
Julie is with her young son. Put in his or the.
1. Julie kissed _____ cheek.
2. Julie kissed him on _____ cheek.
3. Julie held _____ arm.
4. Julie held him by _____ arm.
5. Julie patted him on _____ back.
EXERCISE 4.4
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. What time do you get up in ______ morning?
2. By ______ day he’s an accountant, but after work he’s the drummer in a rock group.
3. We usually study in ______ afternoon.
4. They often go to the pub at ______ night.
5. I’m sorry, I can’t meet during ______ week. I’m very busy at work at the moment.
7. He works during ______ day.
8. What are you doing at ______ weekend?
9. She met her friends in ______ evening.
10. It’s so cold here! Even in ______ daytime, it’s below freezing.

EXERCISE 4.5
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. She works for ______ fire brigade.
2. We travelled by ______ plane.
3. I really need a holiday at ______ beach!
4. ______ pollution is a major problem in our cities.
5. Shall we go to ______ cinema tonight?
6. I’d love to go to ______ opera.
7. Young people don’t know enough about ______ literature.
8. He’s worried about ______ crime.
9. She caught ______ train at King’s Cross station.
10. The boss said he would contact Julie by ______ phone.
11. We met at ______ pub.
12. Lucy can play ______ violin beautifully.
13. I took ______ bus to the concert.
14. I need to take my son to ______ doctor’s today, so I can’t come to lunch.
15. I went to the party by ______ car.
16. My grandmother refuses to put her money in ______ bank.
17. I’ll send you the bill by ______ email.
18. I love listening to my husband play ______ cello.
19. I can’t meet you in ______ week, as I always work late.
20. She went from Warsaw to London by ______ bus.
EXERCISE 4.6
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. I really love listening to ______ music.
2. She studies ______ philosophy at university.
3. John has played ______ piano since he was a child.
4. She went to ______ ballet on her birthday.
5. Do you like ______ city?
6. He hates swimming in ______ sea, and prefers a swimming pool.
7. Are you interested in ______ art?
8. ______ poverty is the biggest problem we need to solve.
9. I bought some bread at ______ baker’s.
10. My cousin is sometimes on ______ radio talking about the economy.
11. I took lessons to learn how to play ______ clarinet.
12. To succeed as a writer you need ______ luck and good timing.
13. It’s easy to get around Paris by ______ metro.
14. The parcel will come by ______ post.
15. They often visit ______ theatre.
16. You can take ______ underground to the restaurant.
17. I spent two hours on ______ phone last night.
18. There was a programme about ______ climate change on TV last night.
19. Listen to ______ wind!
20. She loves ______ nature and often goes for long walks in the country.

EXERCISE 4.7
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. She sent the invitation in ______ post.
2. Lucy went for a swim, and then to ______ hairdresser’s.
3. We might take ______ boat to France.
4. I’m not rich enough to always travel by ______ taxi!
5. Responsibility is important for ______ society.
6. If you have toothache, you should go to ______ dentist’s.
7. You can exchange money at ______ post office.
8. We often go to ______ seaside in summer.
10. It’s important to keep up with ______ technology.
11. I love going to university by ______ bike.
12. The satellite is in ______ space.
13. He travelled around the USA by ______ motorbike.
15. We usually drink tea at around four o’clock in ______ afternoon.
16. ______ life can be difficult when you don’t have much money.
17. London looks much better in ______ sunshine.
18. She travelled around Japan by ______ train.
19. ______ unemployment has risen recently.
20. We learned about ______ global warming at school.

EXERCISE 4.8
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. She hates ______ city and much prefers to live in a village.
2. How does the government’s attitude affect ______ society?
3. She can’t come for coffee because she has to go to ______ doctor’s.
4. I’d love to live by ______ sea.
5. He explored Argentina by ______ motorbike.
6. Do you spend a lot of time on ______ phone?
7. It’s important to be happy in ______ present.
8. My mother thinks I should put all my money in my savings account at ______ bank.
9. In Cambridge, everyone gets around by ______ bike.
10. He listens to ______ radio every night.
11. He’s interested in ______ nature and the environment.
12. I really hate going to ______ dentist’s.
13. Would you like to travel into ______ space?
14. Shall we go to ______ library later?
15. He plays ______ piano very well.
16. They travelled from England to Spain by ______ boat.
17. Do you go to work on ______ foot?
18. We went hiking in ______ mountains on holiday.
19. How often do you go to ______ hairdresser’s?
20. I need to buy some stamps at ______ post office.

EXERCISE 4.9
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. We travelled around Tokyo by ______ underground.
2. Do you often work in ______ evening?
3. She often gets up for a glass of water during ______ night.
4. John needs a new tie because he’s going to ______ opera.
5. He goes to work by ______ car.
6. The children love ______ seaside.
7. I’d love to visit Brazil in ______ future.
8. We went for a walk and enjoyed ______ sunshine.
9. She lay in bed and listened to ______ wind outside.
10. ______ unemployment is a big problem at the moment.
11. She travelled around California by ______ bus.
12. His grandfather thinks that ______ climate change is a myth.
13. What shall we do tomorrow? How about going to ______ zoo?
14. The children learn a lot about ______ global warming.
15. He likes getting up early and walking to ______ baker’s to buy fresh bread.
16. I often go to Scotland by ______ plane, although occasionally I drive.
17. She loves playing ______ violin.
18. Many companies are trying to reduce ______ pollution.
19. Can your brother play ______ guitar?
20. How can we tackle ______ poverty?

**EXERCISE 4.10**

Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. The bill will come in _____ post.
2. Did you take _____ bus home yesterday?
3. You need _____ luck and skill to win.
4. How often do you go to _____ cinema?
5. He usually takes _____ plane when he goes to Paris.
6. How can we use _____ technology to improve everybody’s life?
7. A friend of mine took _____ train all the way across Russia.
8. I need an exercise about _____ future tense.
9. She loves going to _____ theatre.
10. I try not to sleep in _____ daytime.
11. She spends a lot of time listening to _____ music.
12. We often go to _____ ballet.
13. Last week, we went to a lecture about _____ history.
14. That’s _____ life!
15. She loves _____ beach and takes a holiday by the Mediterranean at least twice a year.
16. We studied _____ present perfect tense in my English class today.
17. She sent the money by _____ post.

18. His brother plays _____ piano beautifully.
19. She really knows how to dance _____ tango.
20. How will _____ public react to this new law?

EXERCISE 4.11
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. We did _____ foxtrot all night.
2. Did you come by _____ taxi?
3. He usually goes to work by _____ underground.
4. I like to get up early in _____ morning.
5. The Prime Minister promised to reduce _____ crime.
6. What do you like to do at _____ weekend?
7. Can you imagine what it was like to live in _____ past? No electricity, no mobile phones, no running water!
8. He studied _____ history at university.
10. They try to recycle as much as possible as it’s good for _____ environment.
11. What’s _____ weather like in Australia at the moment?
12. I really like _____ climate here – not too hot, not too cold.
13. Celebrities often have a love/hate relationship with _____ press.
15. She learned _____ waltz at school.
16. I usually read _____ newspapers on Sundays.
17. The government is reducing the money it gives to _____ science.
18. I’ll be in touch by _____ email.
19. We often go to _____ countryside for the weekend.
20. Please write your essay in _____ past tense.
EXERCISE 5.1
Choose the if the listener knows or can guess which particular noun or nouns. Choose a/an or ‘no article’ if it doesn’t matter which example of a noun.
1. I’m going to buy Julie ______ cake for her birthday.
2. I always go to ______ café around the corner from our house. You know the one.
3. Could you try to find me ______ new saucepan when you’re at the shops?
4. What happened to the rest of ______ soup that we ate yesterday?
5. We’d like ______ large bottle of orange juice, please.
6. ______ water in my house is really brown!
7. Pass me ______ spoon next to your hand, please.
8. I’m looking for ______ job.
9. If I were you, I’d take ______ taxi to the airport.
10. Could you lend me ______ pen?
11. Do you know ______ good dentist?
12. Is there ______ park near here?
13. That child looks really cold. She needs ______ coat.
14. This is ______ plant that I told you about. Isn’t it beautiful?
15. I wish I lived in ______ house by the sea.

EXERCISE 5.2
Fill the gap with a/an or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. She’s ______ lawyer.
2. That sounds like ______ lorry outside.
3. Dr Seuss is ______ children’s book.
4. Maria and Juan are ______ engineers.
5. A Ferrari is a kind of ______ car.
6. Korma is ______ Indian dish.
7. Julia works as ______ waitress.
8. My nephew looked like ______ old man when he was born.
9. Basil is a variety of ______ herb.
10. A barrister is a sort of ______ lawyer.
11. That car is ______ Mercedes.
12. They are ______ very nice people.
13. Noriko and Kumiko are ______ students.
14. David is ______ professor.
15. What’s in this box? It looks like ______ chocolate!
16. I work as ______ teacher.
17. That sounds like ______ bell.
18. Reggae is a kind of ______ music.
19. My sisters are ______ doctors.
20. Elizabeth is ______ extremely intelligent girl.

EXERCISE 5.3
Fill the gap with a/an or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. What ______ cute baby!
2. What ______ fun!
3. What ______ heavy rain!
4. What ______ day!
5. What ______ fantastic music!
6. What ______ warm evening!
7. What ______ beautiful clothes!
8. What ______ horrible journey!
10. What ______ traffic!

EXERCISE 5.4
Choose a/an or ‘no article’(Ø).
1. Lucy is ______ lawyer.
2. What ______ awful weather!
3. They looked like ______ thieves.
4. John and Susan are ______ Christians.
5. Does that farm sell ______ eggs?
6. This is a sort of ______ magazine.
7. What ______ delicious cakes!
8. She’s looking for ______ Japanese teacher.
9. I need ______ cup of tea!
10. Could you pass me ______ glass?
11. Do you know ______ cheap restaurant near here?
12. We need ______ music!
13. Could you buy ______ pasta when you’re at the shop?
14. Emma’s at the market looking for ______ brown rice.
15. Are there ______ plants in your office?
16. This garden needs ______ grass!
17. What ______ lovely holiday!

19. I want ______ new cushions for my living room.
20. Do you have ______ lemonade?

EXERCISE 5.5
Choose a/an or 'no article'(Ø).

1. John works as ______ accountant.
2. What _____ ugly car!
3. What _____ tasty meal!
4. Several of my friends are _____ vegetarians.
5. What _____ fantastic prize!
6. What _____ interesting buildings!
7. I’d like to be _____ surgeon when I’ve finished university.
8. Espresso is a kind of _____ coffee.
9. That sounds like _____ water.
10. What _____ lovely food!
11. They advertised for _____ receptionists who know Spanish, German and Portuguese.
12. He’d like _____ new clothes.
13. She’s _____ actress.
14. Yoshi and Yuka are _____ Buddhists.
15. That’s a kind of _____ cake.
16. What _____ horrible story!
17. Richard’s _____ taxi driver.
18. What _____ beautiful shoes!
19. My parents are _____ police officers.
20. I’d love _____ bigger house.
EXERCISE 6.1
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. Could you tell me the answer to ______ question 6, please?
2. The trains from London arrive at ______ platform 7.
3. Her office is on ______ third floor.
4. John, could you read out ______ number three, please?
5. The description of the house is in ______ section eight of the book.
6. Could you pass me ______ first box on the right, please?
7. The diagram on ______ page 84 is not correct.
8. The classroom is on ______ second floor.
9. His flight leaves from ______ gate 18.
10. I don’t know the answer to ______ eighth question.
11. The class will be held in ______ room 336.
12. We need to read ______ first part of the book for homework.
13. They live in ______ third flat.
14. The date of publication is normally on ______ first page of the book.
15. Please look at ______ diagram 23.
16. This is ______ first book I’ve ever read by this author.
17. Could you begin reading from the beginning of ______ part four?
18. They live in ______ flat 3.
19. Is this ______ first time that you’ve visited London?
20. She’s ______ third person I’ve met this week who knows my sister!

EXERCISE 6.2
Fill the gap with ‘no article’ if possible. Otherwise use a/an.
1. She was elected ______ president.
2. Catherine is ______ pilot.
3. I’m ______ bank clerk.
4. Adam is ______ CEO of our company.
5. Ellie was appointed ______ professor of philosophy at Oxford.
6. Mary was crowned ______ queen in 1543.
7. John works as ______ teacher.
8. Lucy’s ______ lawyer.
9. He got a new job working as ______ shop assistant.
10. He became ______ treasurer in 2010.
EXERCISE 6.3
If it’s possible, put ‘no article’ (Ø). If not, put the.

1. Can you speak _____ Turkish?
2. This book is written in _____ Arabic.
3. What’s the answer to _____ question ten?
4. _____ winter that Julie was born was cold and snowy.
5. Would you like to have _____ dinner at home or shall we go out?
6. Have you ever tried _____ judo?
7. Did I tell you about _____ delicious lunch that we had in Paris?
8. Elizabeth was elected _____ President of the United States.
9. He’s studying _____ Spanish.
10. The party is on _____ third of February.
11. I learned _____ tennis at school.
12. I had _____ breakfast in a café yesterday.
13. What are you doing at _____ Christmas?
14. Could you write _____ question number four on the board, please?
15. She speaks _____ English fluently.
16. He cooked _____ most amazing dinner.
17. Would you like to go to the cinema on _____ Friday night?
18. _____ baseball is very popular in Japan.
19. Do you fast during _____ Ramadan?
20. Could you pass me _____ third book on the shelf, please?

EXERCISE 6.4
If it’s possible, put ‘no article’ (Ø). If not, put the.

1. Do you remember _____ July when we met?
2. Shall we have coffee on _____ Monday?
3. Julie is studying _____ Japanese.
4. Could you come on _____ 6th of August?
5. The information about proper nouns is in _____ Section 9.
6. Do you play _____ rugby at school?
7. I love _____ summer!
8. She can speak _____ Spanish really well.
9. We often go on holiday in _____ May.
10. How about meeting on _____ Tuesday afternoon?
11. Please turn to _____ question D on your exam paper.
12. He was crowned _____ king in Westminster Abbey.

13. _____ fact is, I don’t like tea very much, even though I’m British.
14. Her office is on _____ second floor.
15. I love _____ skiing.
16. _____ winter that I was in Japan was one of the best winters of my life.
17. Do you celebrate _____ Easter?
18. The train leaves from _____ platform 6.
19. The_____ English that they speak in Glasgow is quite different from how people speak in London.
20. He was elected _____ Prime Minister.
EXERCISE 7.1

Choose the correct article.

1. Look at ____ sky! It’s a beautiful shade of pink!
3. Have you had ____ lunch yet?
4. She can play ____ guitar really well.
5. I think we should fix the roof properly now, so we can avoid ____ future problems.
6. The government needs to think more about protecting ____ environment.
7. We had ____ Russian lesson every Friday when I was at university.
8. The children made a model of ____ world.
9. John has ____ cough.
10. The children can’t leave the classroom until ____ lunch bell rings.
11. She bought ____ new work outfit.
12. They are learning to speak ____ Russian.
13. He’s working as ____ guitar teacher.
14. Mary bought ____ cough medicine.
15. She loves ____ sky diving.
16. She’s just graduated from university and is very excited about ____ future.
17. She works for ____ environment agency in Canada.
18. Did you see ____ moon last night? It was really bright.
19. They wished for ____ world peace.
20. He goes to ____ work on the train every day.

EXERCISE 7.2

Fill the gap with the or no article (Ø).

1. The old actor died in ____ hospital last night.
2. She sometimes goes to ____ jail in our city as part of her job.
3. My son’s studying history at ____ university.
4. When their houses were damaged in the storm, some people slept in ____ school nearby.
5. He spent three years in ____ prison.
6. Have you ever seen ____ university in Cambridge?
7. The lawyer stood up in ____ court and spoke to the jury.
8. ____ college in our city is very near the river.
9. Do your parents go to ____ church on Sundays?
10. Lucy is still at ____ school – she’s only fourteen.
11. I won’t break the law – I don’t want to go to ____ jail!
12. My class visited ____ prison in our town last month – it was very interesting.
13. We’ll meet outside ______ church at six.
14. The school children had a tour round ______ court near their school.
15. How many classes do you have at ______ college?
16. I went to ______ hospital today to see my friend who’s a nurse.

EXERCISE 7.3
Fill the gap with the or no article (Ø).
1. John is at ______ home now.
2. Let’s go into ______ town later – I’d like to do some shopping.
3. I went to ______ bed early last night, but I still feel tired.
4. ______ work that Julie is doing at the moment sounds boring.
5. My son’s just rented his first flat and needs furniture – I’m going to give him ______ bed in our spare room.
6. I usually arrive at ______ work at about eight thirty.
7. She bought a book about ______ homes of the rich and famous.
8. ______ town where my mother lives is very pretty.

EXERCISE 7.4
Fill the gap with the if possible. If not, use ‘no article’ (Ø) or a/an.
1. She has never had ______ measles.
2. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with ______ cancer.
3. I felt ill, but I didn’t have ______ temperature.
4. Her grandfather suffered from ______ heart disease.
5. Julie has ______ cold, so she’s not coming swimming today.
6. John had ______ fever, and felt terrible.
7. He had ______ flu during the Christmas holidays.
8. I have such ______ headache. I think I’ll go to bed early.
9. She had ______ cough all winter.
10. I very often get ______ hiccups.

EXERCISE 7.5
Fill the gap with the correct article.
1. I don’t like ______ AC at work. It’s too cold.
2. Should we book ______ B&B or a hotel for our holiday?
3. She’s studying ______ DNA at university.
4. Where is the headquarters of ______ NASA?
5. Do you know ______ ISBN of the book you want?
6. You should use a sun cream with ______ high SPF if you have fair skin.

7. There are a lot of stories about ______ UFOs. People find the idea of life on other planets interesting.

8. She’s wanted to work for ______ BBC for a long time.

9. In the film, the hero is running away from ______ CIA.

10. Is there ______ ATM outside the station?

11. How many member states are there in ______ EU?

12. He worked as a reporter for ______ CNN.

13. The headquarters of ______ FBI is in Washington D.C.

14. There are thirty basketball clubs in ______ NBA.

15. He left ______ UNICEF some money in his will.

16. ______ UN sent aid to the country after the earthquake.

17. When does ______ WHO recommend weaning babies?

18. The website has ______ FAQ, but I couldn’t find the information that I wanted there.

19. I need to call the bank and ask them to send me ______ new PIN.

20. Lord Ismay was the first Secretary General of ______ NATO.

EXERCISE 7.6

Choose a little / little / a few / few.

1. I have ______ water left. There’s enough to share.

2. I have ______ good friends. I’m not lonely.

3. He has ______ education. He can’t read or write, and he can hardly count.

4. There are ______ people she really trusts. It’s a bit sad.

5. We’ve got ______ time at the weekend. Would you like to meet?

6. Julie gave us ______ apples from her garden. Shall we share them?

7. She has ______ self-confidence. She has a lot of trouble talking to new people.

8. There are ______ women politicians in the UK. There should be more.

9. It’s a great pity, but hospital has _____ medicine. They can’t help many people.

10. I’ve got _____ cakes to give away. Would you like one?

11. There’s_____ milk left in the fridge. It should be enough for our coffee.

12. _____ children from this school go on to university, unfortunately.

13. Do you need information on English grammar? I have _____ books on the topic if you would like to borrow them.

14. She’s lucky. She has _____ problems.

15. The UK has _____ sunshine in the winter. That’s why so many British people go on holiday to sunny places!

16. There’s _____ spaghetti left in the cupboard. Shall we eat it tonight?
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17. There are ______ programmes on television that I want to watch. I prefer to download a film or read a book.
18. He has ______ free time. He hardly ever even manages to call his mother!
19. Unfortunately, I have ______ problems at the moment.
20. Are you thirsty? There’s ______ juice left in this bottle, if you’d like it.

EXERCISE 7.7
Fill the gap with most or the most.
1. She’s ____________ beautiful girl that I’ve ever seen.
2. ____________ British people eat turkey at Christmas.
3. ____________ of the clothes in that shop are badly made.
4. I think that ____________ intelligent thing to do is to take a taxi.
5. He’s ____________ interesting person I’ve spoken to today.
6. I think that ____________ students will be very happy that the exams are finished.
7. ____________ of the cars on my street are black.
8. That is ____________ delicious cake that I’ve ever eaten!
9. The teacher told me that ____________ of the children in her class like science.
10. I love living in London. I think it’s ____________ exciting city in the world!

EXERCISE 7.8
Choose a/an or one (whichever is more natural).
1. Have you only got ______ brother? Jessie said you had three.
2. Only ______ of the students in my class passed the exam.
3. Could I have ______ cup of tea please.
4. I’d like ______ beer, not two.
5. There are at least ______ million people living in that city.
6. She’s got ______ cat and ______ dog.
7. ______ of my friends was late but all the others were on time.
8. I’d like ______ large sandwich.
9. Julie’s got ______ car, not seven!
10. There was ______ motorbike on the corner of the street.
11. Please give me ______ piece of paper.
12. He has ______ hundred pounds in his wallet.
13. He paid more than ______ thousand pounds for the ring.
14. He bought ______ of the TVs we looked at last week.
15. Can I have ______ of those doughnuts?
16. Can I have ______ glass of water?

17. Sorry, I only wanted ______ cup of coffee, not three!
18. She bought ______ car last week.
19. ______ of my friends lives in Shanghai.
20. ______ of these days I must clean out my garage.

EXERCISE 7.10
Choose a/an or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. I play football twice ______ week.
2. She calls her parents every ______ Sunday.
3. She’s driving at 50 miles ______ hour.
4. The new train will go at 300 kilometres ______ hour.
5. The bananas cost £2 ______ kilo.
6. I meet my friend Julie every ______ week.
7. The water is 50 cents ______ litre.
8. We go out for dinner twice ______ month.
9. She goes to the gym three times ______ week.
10. I go on holiday to Spain every ______ year.
11. I work at the school a few days ______ month.
12. The ribbon cost £1 ______ metre.
13. He runs ten kilometres ______ day.
14. John has a meeting with his boss every ______ week.
15. The speed limit in London is 30 miles ______ hour.
16. Petrol is £1.50 ______ litre.
17. Lisa calls her grandfather twice ______ week.
18. I go to the library every ______ Saturday.
19. Those sandals are £10 ______ pair.
20. I visit my family every ______ year.

EXERCISE 7.11
Choose the or ‘no article’ (Ø):
1. I’m meeting Julie ______ next week.
2. We’ll get on ______ next bus.
3. I arrived in New York ______ last month.
4. I can’t believe he ate ______ last chocolate!
5. I’m going on holiday ______ next Friday.
6. She started college ______ last year.
7. I liked ______ last teacher. I don’t think the new one is as good.
8. What are you doing ______ next month?
9. She asked directions from ______ next person she saw.
10. We didn’t see John at all ______ last week.
11. Call me ______ next Tuesday.
12. I visited Kenya ______ last winter.

EXERCISE 7.12
If it’s possible, put ‘no article’ (Ø). If not, put the.
1. Lucy came in _____ first place in the riding competition.
2. I won _____ second prize! Hurray!
3. Why don’t I like living here? _____ first, it’s too cold. Also, I miss my family.
4. I’d like _____ third cake on the shelf, please.
5. John went to the bank _____ first. Then he went to the library.
6. ‘Which bottle do you want?’ ‘_____ second one.’
7. She got on _____ first bus that came.
8. I’ve read _____ first book in the series, but I haven’t read _____ second one.
10. Could you pass me _____ second cup on the right, please?

EXERCISE 7.13
Choose the correct article.
1. I stayed in bed for a week when I had _____ flu.
2. I’ll see you _____ next Tuesday.
3. I’ve got such _____ headache! Do you have any painkillers?
4. Fortunately, not many children get _____ measles nowadays.
5. She sees her family once _____ month.
6. _____ more it rains in London, _____ more I want a holiday!
7. There are _____ few biscuits left – would you like one?
8. She goes to the gym three times _____ week.
9. He usually watches the news on _____ BBC.
10. Could I just have _____ half a cup of coffee, please.
11. She donates money to _____ UNICEF every month
12. Jenny is _____ most intelligent student in the class.
13. John is at _____ hospital where he’s visiting a friend.
14. The thief was sent to _____ jail for six years.
15. When I was at _____ university, none of the students had any money.
16. She gave _____ million pounds to charity.
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17. Meet me _____ next week.
18. She arrives in New York _____ next month.
19. She has _____ few nice clothes, so she always looks scruffy.
20. I go to the cinema about twice _____ month.

EXERCISE 7.14
Choose the correct article.

1. He has at least _____ hundred DVDs.
2. _____ more chocolate I eat, _____ happier I am!
3. He brushes his teeth twice _____ day.
4. I have _____ little money, so let’s buy some ice cream.
5. She earns _____ thousand pounds a month.
6. We visited Canada _____ last year.
7. I went to _____ bed at nine o’clock last night.
8. He saw a photographer standing outside _____ court.
9. John used to work as a cleaner at _____ college.
10. _____ faster the car, _____ more he likes it.
11. The school children enjoyed going to _____ old jail.
12. They went to _____ court during their divorce proceedings.
13. I think _____ most people would like to have a bit more free time.
14. We meet twice or three times _____ year.
15. She has _____ little money, so she can’t afford to heat her flat.
16. John’s at _____ work at the moment.
17. She came to San Francisco _____ last December.
18. She’s had _____ cold for three weeks.
19. Her grandfather had _____ heart disease.
20. Lucy’s still at _____ school – she’s studying for her exams at the moment.

EXERCISE 7.15
Choose the correct article.

1. My grandmother goes to _____ church every week.
2. _____ church in my village is to be knocked down.
3. My hotel room didn’t have _____ AC.
4. Could you pass me _____ third book on the right, please?
5. What’s _____ most terrifying movie you’ve ever seen?
6. _____ most animals in the UK are harmless.
7. She applied for a job at _____ university.
8. We went to ______ school to vote in the general election.
9. What are you studying at ______ college?
10. John had ______ temperature, so he went home.
11. She stayed in ______ hospital for a few days after she had her baby.
12. Let’s go ______ home. I’m tired.
13. I need ______ new PIN.
14. I’d like to go into ______ town later. There are some things I’d like to buy.
15. I’ve recently started taking ______ piano lessons.
16. She bought ______ ballet shoes.
17. She works in ______ internet café.
18. Is there ______ football pitch near here?
19. ______ stronger the coffee, ______ better!
20. Emily won ______ first prize in the competition.
EXERCISE 8.1

Fill the gap with the correct article.

1. She bought some jewellery abroad, and sold it at ______ profit when she got home.
2. John’s solution is correct to ______ certain extent. It will help, but it won’t fix the problem completely.
3. I could see a mountain range in ______ distance.
4. I really like the museums in London, but I like the British Museum in ______ particular.
5. I love living in London on ______ whole (very occasionally it’s difficult).
6. He seems nice normally, but behind ______ scenes he makes some deals I don’t approve of.
7. He didn’t realise he was in ______ danger from the tide until the coastguard arrived.
8. My brother was at ______ loose end at home, so he was pleased when his friend called.
9. Crime is on ______ increase. You should be careful of your bag.
10. I didn’t break the vase on ______ purpose, Mummy! It was an accident.
11. David could tell at ______ glance that the news was bad.
12. I wanted to get some plums but I bought peaches by ______ mistake.
13. I called Julie on ______ off-chance that she was free for lunch.
14. That radio station reports the news in ______ brief at 7 a.m.
15. Our shower will be fixed next week. In ______ meantime, we can use the shower at the gym.
16. She thought she’d get better results if she studied harder, but, on ______ contrary, she needed to relax more instead.
17. I bought an old car with ______ view to fixing it up.
18. She crossed the room on ______ tiptoe, as the baby had just fallen asleep.
19. Julie is on ______ diet again! She’s always trying to lose weight.
20. Are you in ______ habit of studying every day? If not, you need to start!
21. I made him a birthday cake in ______ secret.
22. The charity ball was for ______ good cause, so many people gave money.
23. I was in ______ hurry this morning and I forgot my umbrella.
24. Your wallet is in ______ front of the TV.
25. She likes her job in ______ general, but this week has been very stressful.
26. Please cut that piece of cake in ______ half. It’s too much for one person!
27. It will rain tonight without ______ doubt. The weather report was very clear.
28. The doctor told him to stop smoking for ______ sake of his health.
29. In ______ sense, Rebecca is right. What she says is partly true.
30. I couldn’t get to the door quickly because my suitcase was in ______ way.
31. If you don’t get private tuition for the exam, you are at ______ disadvantage.
32. I usually drink tea, but today I thought I’d have coffee for ______ change.
33. It’s difficult to study every day, but in ______ long run it will be worth it.
34. John loves living in the countryside. I, on ______ other hand, prefer the city.

35. I’m still in ______ touch with friends from school. We meet once a year.
36. Richard has been behaving very strangely recently. Perhaps he’s in ______ love!

**EXERCISE 8.2**

Fill the gap with the correct article.

1. This exercise is as easy as ______ pie.
2. My flat is absolutely tiny – there’s no room to swing ______ cat.
3. It’s no use crying over ______ spilt milk – the money is all gone.
4. I don’t think Julie will come to the party tonight – she’s feeling a bit under ______ weather.
5. It’s difficult for them to make ______ ends meet.
6. Don’t beat about ______ bush – say exactly what you think.
7. He often turned ______ blind eye to his employee’s lateness, but today she went too far.
8. If his grandfather kicks ______ bucket, he’ll be in trouble.
9. Let’s call it ______ day. I’m tired and I’d like to go home.
10. My sister and I don’t really see eye to ______ eye. We disagree on almost everything.
11. I got a letter from an old school friend out of ______ blue.
12. Don’t make ______ mountain out of ______ molehill. The situation isn’t as bad as you think.
13. They got engaged last week and plan to tie ______ knot next year.
14. She’ll see him again when ______ pigs fly!
15. Please give me ______ hand with my homework. I don’t know how to begin it.

**EXERCISE 8.3**

Choose the correct article.

1. You’re always at ______ loose end! Why don’t you do something useful?
2. I think we should call it ______ day. I’m exhausted.
3. Even though I was in the middle of the city, I could see hills in ______ distance.
4. In ______ brief, what would you say the main problems are?
5. I try to save a little money every week. It’ll be very useful in ______ long run.
6. I really hate mice and I hate mice in my house in ______ particular.
7. We usually go on holiday to Scotland, but this year we visited Paris for ______ change.
8. They only tied ______ knot last July, but they are already arguing.
9. That is, without ______ doubt, the ugliest picture that I have ever seen!
10. Obesity is on ______ increase, despite the best efforts of the government.
11. Learning English is as easy as ______ pie! No problem!
12. The young man met his girlfriend in ______ secret.
13. I don’t always see ______ eye to eye with my boss, but he’s okay.
14. The teacher turned ______ blind eye to his students leaving early on Friday afternoon. It was a lovely sunny day.

15. Dinner will be ready in an hour, but in ______ meantime, let’s have some bread.

16. I felt at ______ disadvantage in the lecture, because all the other students had studied the material before.

17. I was feeling a bit under ______ weather, so I decided to go to bed early.

18. The little boy told his mother that he hadn’t dropped the milk bottle on ______ purpose.


20. I couldn’t reach the shelf, even on ______ tiptoe, so I had to get a ladder.
EXERCISE 9.1: COUNTRIES
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. She travelled around _____ India last year.
2. I’ve never met anyone from _____ Chile.
3. We went on holiday to _____ Philippines.
4. Julie lived in _____ Japan for a year.
5. I wish we could visit _____ Spain.
6. _____ Turkey has some beautiful cities.
7. London is in _____ United Kingdom.
8. Did you visit _____ Mexico on your trip?
9. I’d love to go to _____ United States.
10. Have you ever been to _____ Colombia?
11. She comes from _____ UK.
12. I met a girl from _____ Mongolia last night.
13. How many times has John been to _____ China?
14. Last year he visited _____ New Zealand.
15. San Francisco is in _____ USA.
17. I saw a television programme about _____ South Korea.
18. She went on holiday to _____ Russia.
19. I’ve never been to _____ Mexico.
20. Jan comes from _____ Netherlands.

EXERCISE 9.2: LAKES, DESERTS, OCEANS, RIVERS
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. She has never been to _____ Lake Geneva.
2. They crossed _____ Sahara Desert by camel.
3. He flew across _____ Atlantic Ocean.
4. I’ve heard _____ Mekong is a very large river.
5. _____ Great Victoria Desert is in Australia.
6. Where is _____ Lake Titicaca?
7. Hawaii is in _____ Pacific Ocean.
8. He owns a house near _____ Lake Superior.
9. She lives near _____ river Thames.
10. We sailed around _____ Mediterranean.
11. _____ Kalahari Desert is in the south of Africa.
12. I’d love to visit _____ Red Sea.

13. _____ Lake Victoria is the largest lake in Africa.
14. Have you been to _____ Gobi Desert?
15. Her city is near _____ Yangtze River.
16. They went to an island in _____ Indian Ocean.
17. They went down _____ Amazon in a canoe.
18. People say that there is a monster in the bottom of _____ Loch Ness.
19. Is _____ Mississippi the longest river in the USA?
20. _____ Arabian Desert reaches from Egypt to Iran.

**EXERCISE 9.3: MOUNTAINS, MOUNTAIN RANGES, REGIONS, CITIES**

Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. Have you ever seen _____ Mount Fuji?
2. Brandon is from _____ California.
3. _____ Mount Cook is very beautiful.
4. He loves going to _____ Pyrenees.
5. Where did you stay in _____ Delhi?
7. What’s your favourite part of _____ London?
8. I’ve heard _____ Himalayas are very beautiful.
9. She lived in _____ New York for three years.
10. She visited _____ Andes.
11. He grew up near _____ Rocky Mountains in the USA.
12. She has a house in _____ Sussex.
13. Sydney is in _____ New South Wales.
14. Where is _____ Mount Ararat?
15. I’ve always wanted to visit _____ Tuscany.
16. We went to _____ Paris last July.
17. We went skiing in _____ Alps.
18. He had decided to climb _____ Everest.
19. _____ Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Europe.
20. _____ Singapore is his favourite city.

**EXERCISE 9.4: CONTINENTS, COUNTRIES, ISLANDS, GROUPS OF ISLANDS**

Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’ (Ø).

1. She really enjoys visiting _____ Asia.
2. My sister is living in _____ Argentina.
3. _____ Corsica is an island in the Mediterranean.
4. ______ New Zealand is really beautiful and green.
5. Would you like to visit ______ Bahamas?
6. Last year we went to ______ Sicily, an Italian island.
7. ______ Canary Islands are popular with tourists.
8. Have you ever been to ______ Azores?
9. ______ Baffin Island is part of Canada.
10. Cairo is the capital of ______ Egypt.
11. I have never been to ______ Africa.
12. Imagine living in ______ Antarctica!
13. ______ Hokkaido is an island in the north of Japan.
14. She travelled all over ______ South America.
15. Do you know where ______ Cook Islands are?
16. Have you ever been to ______ China?
17. How many countries are there in ______ Europe?
18. In ______ Australia there are quite a lot of snakes.
19. ______ Maldives are popular with honeymoon couples.
20. She visited ______ Long Island last summer.

EXERCISE 9.5
Fill the gap with the or ‘no article’(Ø).

1. Have you visited ______ Transport Museum?
2. She stayed in ______ Savoy [hotel] when she was in London.
3. He studied at ______ King’s College.
4. I’ve never been to ______ National Theatre.
5. We ate dinner in ______ Chinatown [area].
6. ______ Westminster Abbey [church] is very beautiful.
7. She works in ______ Victoria and Albert Museum.
8. The play is on at ______ St Martin’s Theatre.
9. I live in ______ Chelsea [area].
10. ______ Globe [theatre] is near to the river.
11. Let’s meet outside ______ Fulham Library [Fulham is an area in London].
12. We visited ______ University of Oxford.
13. I love having dinner in ______ Claridge’s [hotel].
14. ______ Stansted [airport] is quite far from the city.
15. She walked across ______ Wandsworth Bridge.
16. They stopped for a drink at ______ Dog and Fox [pub].
17. She got married in ______ All Saints’ Church.

18. ______ National Gallery is enormous.
19. I went to see the new film at ______ Odeon [cinema].
20. Maybe we can stay at ______ Brown’s [hotel].
21. He studies at ______ Westminster School.
22. ______ Notting Hill is an expensive part of London.
23. ______ Regent’s Park is beautiful in the summer.
24. ______ Criterion [theatre] is in central London.
25. The train leaves from ______ Euston [station].
26. I live near ______ Putney Bridge.
27. ______ Harvey Nichols [shop] has some beautiful things.
28. I go to ______ King’s Cross [station] to get the train to Scotland.
29. Let’s go to ______ Hyde Park on Sunday.
30. She met me at ______ Gatwick [airport].

EXERCISE 9.6
1. He’s so rich that he has ______ Van Gogh in his house.
2. When she was in the US, she met Barack Obama! ______ Barack Obama!
3. ______ Miss Smith called last night [I don’t know Miss Smith].
4. Even though it’s small, the museum has several Monets and ______ Rembrandt.
5. Could you please pick up ______ Mr Black at the airport? [We know Mr Black].
6. Louise is a bit of ______ Einstein, isn’t she? She always gets full marks on the tests.
7. We went on holiday with ______ Bells [Mr and Mrs Bell and their children].
8. My boss’s name is ______ John Brown.
9. There’s ______ Mr Jones here to see you [I don’t know Mr Jones].
10. They had a dinner party and invited ______ Browns [Mr and Mrs Brown].

EXERCISE 9.7
Choose the, a/an or ‘no article’ (Ø):
1. I love the fountains in ______ Trafalgar Square.
2. They had a holiday by ______ Lake Geneva.
3. She went hiking in ______ Alps.
4. My son is studying at ______ University of Edinburgh.
5. She hiked near ______ Lake Titicaca.
6. Your son is ______ proper little Picasso! He’s very good at drawing.
7. She loved ______ da Vinci that she saw in Paris, so she bought a print of it.
8. A Tale of Two Cities was written by ______ Charles Dickens.
9. We went to ______ Spain last year.

10. ______ St Paul’s Cathedral [church] is a very impressive building.
11. She flew over ______ Sahara Desert.
12. Mount Cook is in ______ New Zealand.
13. She spent the winter in ______ Hokkaido, an island in Japan.
14. We can take the train to France from ______ St Pancras [station].
15. I love looking out across ______ Atlantic Ocean.
16. She grew up in ______ Africa.
17. Her plane lands at ______ Heathrow [airport].
18. ______ Thames is the river that runs through London.
19. I really love ______ Richmond Park
20. We didn’t stop near ______ Rocky Mountains when we were travelling.
21. ______ Oxford Street gets very busy at the weekends.
22. He saw ______ Michelangelo for the first time when he was in Italy.
23. There’s a letter here from ______ Lucy Brown [I don’t know Lucy Brown].
24. I’ve never eaten at ______ Nobu [restaurant].
25. Europeans often go on holiday near ______ Mediterranean.

EXERCISE 9.8

Choose the, a/an or ‘no article’(Ø).

1. She visited ______ Peru last May.
2. ______ Tower Bridge looks amazing at night.
3. Julie would love to travel around ______ California.
4. ______ Canary Islands are part of Spain.
5. ______ National Theatre shows a lot of good plays.
6. They rented a house in ______ Tuscany for the summer.
7. We met her near ______ Prince Charles Cinema
8. I’d love to be able to stay at ______ Ritz [hotel]
9. I often drink coffee in ______ Caffè Nero [café]
10. Have you been to ______ National Portrait Gallery yet ?
11. I saw ______ Mount Fuji from the plane as I was leaving Tokyo.
12. Her cousin went to ______ London University.
13. Could you pass ______ Austen that’s on the table, please?
14. He stayed with ______ Fords when he went to New York [Mr and Mrs Ford].
15. She stayed in ______ Taipei for two weeks.
16. We travelled around ______ Asia for our honeymoon.
17. We went shopping in ______ Harrods [shop].
18. The town is close to ______ Great Victoria Desert.
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19. ______ Science Museum is great for children.
20. There was an auction of_____ Caravaggio [painting].
21. _____ Helena called earlier. She left you a message [I know Helena].
22. Last night I was sitting next to David Beckham at the cinema. ______ David Beckham!
23. _____ Mississippi flows through New Orleans.
24. Have you ever been to _____ Rio de Janeiro?
25. She lives in _____ Bahamas.
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REVIEW EXERCISE 10.1
1. The cold winter has been difficult for ______ elderly.
2. My grandmother goes to ______ church twice a week.
4. I went to ______ supermarket that my mother suggested.
5. Give me ______ glass by the chair, please.
6. He spends all his time at ______ gym!
7. My boss and I almost always see eye to ______ eye. It’s great to work with someone who has similar ideas.
8. I go to the hairdresser’s twice ______ year.
9. We received ______ presents at Christmas.
10. She learned ______ English at school.
11. We often eat lamb on ______ Easter Sunday.
12. Do you call your mother on ______ Mother’s Day?
13. Scotland is ______ coldest in January.
14. He studied at ______ University of London.
15. Let’s meet on ______ Tuesday afternoon.
16. They always travelled by ______ car during their holiday.
17. The new railway line crosses the country from ______ east to ______ west.
18. Tourists usually visit ______ St Paul’s Cathedral in London.
19. They met outside ______ Prince Charles Cinema.
20. What ______ lovely necklace!

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.2
1. We went to ______ Sicily last year.
2. I saw them walking ______ arm in ______ arm.
3. He won a prize for dancing ______ tango.
4. The government is trying to lower ______ unemployment.
5. Lucy had ______ headache and went to bed early.
6. I’ve never been to ______ Bali [an island in Indonesia].
7. ______ Nile is the longest river in the world.
8. In New York, many people jog in ______ Central Park.
9. She bought ______ new handbag.
10. I had ______ flu last year and was off work for two weeks.
11. I had ______ piece of cake and ______ cup of coffee.
12. A sloe is a kind of ______ fruit.
13. Do you know much about ______ history of India?
14. He writes about ______ rich and famous for a magazine.
15. She gave me ______ last chocolate.
16. I’ve read ______ book that our professor lent me.
17. She ate ______ cakes that her brother had made.
18. She has ______ few books – she wishes she could afford more.
19. Could you lend me ______ pen?

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.3
1. I’d like to go to a restaurant for ______ change. We always eat at home.
2. ______ more you study, ______ better your exam result will be.
3. She likes to stop for a coffee on the way to work in ______ morning.
4. He got ______ hiccups and they lasted all afternoon.
5. I’m interested in ______ history of Africa.
6. Have you flown across ______ Pacific?
7. She loves ______ fourteenth-century art.
8. I love ______ cheese.
9. I’ve never been to ______ Portugal.
10. I thought she was going to come early but, on ______ contrary, she’s already thirty minutes late.
11. After class, Lucy went ______ home and called her boyfriend.
12. ______ Swiss make great chocolate.
13. We saw that film ______ last month.
14. There’s ______ fantastic restaurant near her flat.
15. I arrived in Mexico in ______ April.
16. We had sandwiches and Coke for lunch. ______ Coke was warm, though.
17. We met at ______ Victoria Station.
18. I need ______ cup of tea!
19. I’m feeling a bit under ______ weather, so I don’t think I’ll come to the party tonight.
20. It costs ______ hundred pounds.

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.4
1. Julie is ______ teacher.
2. What will life be like in ______ twenty-second century?
3. Could I use ______ internet at your place?
4. I want to talk to him ______ face to ______ face.
5. My daughter is still at ______ school – she’s only fifteen.
6. She hates ______ mushrooms.
7. Lucy bought ______ dress that you recommended.
8. I’ll take the exam again ______ next spring.
9. ______ problem is, the weather will be really cold in December.
10. English articles are as easy as ______ pie! I haven’t made any mistakes with this exercise.
11. ______ hotter the curry, ______ more Richard eats!
12. Have you ever tried playing ______ rugby?
13. They are ______ Muslims.
14. Do you like ______ French cheese?
15. I travel around London by ______ underground.
16. I went to a party on _____ New Year’s Eve.
17. Let’s go out tonight – I’d love to see a play at ______ National Theatre.
18. ______ big lorries are very noisy and can damage the roads.
19. I’m going to my yoga class on ______ Thursday morning.
20. I often go to ______ park during the summer.

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.5
1. My mother often goes to _____ Canary Islands on holiday.
2. They are all ______ very good students.
3. ______ Scotch beef is very popular here.
4. I don’t know exactly when I’ll finish my course – but sometime in ______ next year.
5. Do you speak ______ Spanish?
6. He drank ______ water.
7. She’s studying ______ music at college.
8. We wrote an essay about ______ environment.
9. ______ children should go to school.
10. I wrote her address on _____ back of an envelope.
11. Let’s go into _____ town this afternoon and go to the cinema.
12. I watched _____ CNN all night.
13. There’s _____ wallet on the grass.
14. Who would like to try ______ question 10?
15. Do you do anything special on ______ Christmas Eve?
16. ______ wind howled round the house all night.
17. We have ______ little in the fridge – I think we should go out for dinner.
18. There is a good café near ______ jail.
19. ______ university in Cambridge is very beautiful.
20. We meet for coffee twice ______ week.
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REVIEW EXERCISE 10.6
1. My flat is absolutely tiny – there’s no room to swing ______ cat.
2. We met in ______ café.
3. She became ______ queen in 1952.
4. What do you think of ______ life abroad?
5. ______ lions are very dangerous.
6. ______ flamingos are pink and white.
7. ______ Mount Fuji is a very beautiful mountain.
8. Richmond Park is ______ biggest park in London.
9. He was elected ______ president last year.
10. He’s very keen on ______ baseball.
11. She’s interested in ______ music of the 1970s.
12. Her birthday is ______ July 21st.
13. What would you like for ______ lunch?
14. Which is ______ biggest city in the world?
15. John and Lucy finally tied ______ knot last week and they’re going on honeymoon to Mexico tomorrow.
16. Amanda’s ______ doctor.
17. What are you doing at ______ weekend? Would you like to have lunch?
18. What ______ cold water!
19. My brother was born in ______ 1980s.
20. ______ bigger the cake, ______ better I like it!

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.7
1. I went to the train station early on ______ purpose. I knew it would be very busy.
2. The thief is in ______ court today.
3. I’ve never been keen on ______ dogs.
4. ______ lions hunt in groups.
5. Sorry, that’s ______ wrong answer.
6. She often gives money to ______ homeless.
7. We need to learn about ______ history of China.
8. She’s interested in ______ animals.
9. Could you look for ______ large rug at the shops?
10. I loved ______ Barcelona.
11. When I was a child, we always dressed up for ______ Halloween.
12. They climbed part of the way up ______ Everest.
13. At 1 a.m. she finally called it ______ day, and went to bed.
14. She sent the bill by ______ email.
15. On ______ whole, I like travelling, even if occasionally it can get a bit lonely.
16. Please turn to ______ section 7 of your exam paper.
17. I want to buy ______ big house near the river. Do you know of any that are for sale?
18. She has a shower once ______ day.
19. What’s the answer to ______ question 5?
20. The North Pole is in ______ Arctic.

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.8
1. I like going to ______ mountains on holiday, but my husband prefers ______ beach.
2. He’s reading about ______ NATO.
3. I kept in ______ touch with my classmates for years after we met.
4. Julie and Lucy are ______ very nice girls.
5. We had dinner in a restaurant last night. ______ waitress was very friendly.
6. I went to a hotel on holiday and I really enjoyed swimming in ______ pool.
7. What _____ fantastic party!
8. He sat down on _____ chair and put his feet on _____ stool [there’s one chair and one stool near us].
9. What language do ______ Lithuanians speak?
10. They went to ______ Himalayas.
11. What _____ spicy food!
12. I’m so tired, I’d like to go to ______ bed – even though it’s only lunchtime!
13. She took ______ plane to Paris.
14. Do you know ______ accountant? I need help with my tax forms!
15. Can you play ______ golf?
16. Did he really use to work for ______ FBI?
17. Is this garden open to ______ public?
18. She’s going on ______ world tour. I’m so jealous!
19. _____ station is near the park [the station in our town].
20. Is there ______ French speaker at your work? I need someone to translate this document.

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.9
1. I need ______ new car! My old one is about to fall apart.
2. London is ______ best in the summer.
3. ______ sugar is bad for your health.
4. That’s ______ only book I own.
5. ______ Moroccans speak French and Arabic.
6. I’m interested in ______ music of Ireland.

7. The government is trying to improve education for ______ young.
8. What’s ______ price of a cup of coffee in Moscow?
9. She went out for dinner with her husband on ______ Valentine’s Day.
10. We went to ______ Chelsea [an area of London] and had breakfast in a lovely café.
11. I dropped a cup and a glass. ______ glass smashed.
12. John’s ______ vegetarian.
13. There was a sofa in _____ middle of the floor.
15. I had ______ cold and couldn’t go to work for a week.
16. She loves ______ nature and being outside.
17. I had _____ piano lesson this morning.
18. What do Jewish people do during ______ Passover?
19. They celebrate _____ Chinese New Year.
20. I love looking at ______ moon on a clear night.

**REVIEW EXERCISE 10.10**

1. She only wears _____ red shoes.
2. I usually take _____ train to Scotland.
3. She bought _____ rice and _____ vegetables.
4. _____ Colombians tend to like socialising.
5. I love reading _____ Spanish poetry.
6. They speak _____ French very well indeed.
8. He’s _____ architect.
9. Please close _____ window [there’s only one open in the room].
10. _____ poor don’t have good access to education.
11. My plane arrives at _____ Heathrow [airport] about 6 a.m.
12. She’s from _____ UK.
13. His birthday is in _____ October.
14. It’s lovely to have _____ trees in cities.
15. Do you prefer _____ city or _____ country?
16. He’s studying _____ Hindi.
17. He loves _____ music of Africa.
18. I went to Scotland at _____ Christmas.
19. My brother’s _____ surgeon.
20. Lucy is _____ cleverest girl I know.
REVIEW EXERCISE 10.11
1. Let’s meet in ______ café next to the station.
2. What ______ delicious pasta!
3. She’s going to visit Budapest ______ next week.
4. There’s ______ nice café in my hometown.
5. I have ______ same dress as you.
6. She goes to ______ cinema every month.
7. We had a cup of coffee in ______ cafeteria at university [there’s only one cafeteria there so the listener knows which one I mean].
8. She studied ______ history of Europe.
9. The plane leaves from ______ Gate 25.
10. We went to ______ theatre all the time when we were students.
11. Do you ever go to ______ zoo? I love the penguins!
12. What ______ beautiful garden!
13. Lucy works as ______ hairdresser.
14. ______ college is on King Street.
15. Hand me ______ knives and forks, please [the knives and forks on the table].
16. This new centre is a place where ______ unemployed can come for help and support.
17. She went shopping on ______ Oxford Street, but it was very busy.
18. ______ kittens drink milk.
19. My son David had ______ temperature, so we took him to the doctor.
20. Do you like ______ athletics?

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.12
1. Could you come on ______ 31st of October?
2. Gordon can play ______ piano really well.
3. She went to school on ______ foot.
4. Can anyone play ______ guitar?
5. My parents are ______ accountants.
6. Does she visit her family during ______ Ramadan?
7. Have you read ______ newspaper this morning?
8. Their house is by ______ Indian Ocean.
9. I bought three plants and some pots at the garden centre. I put ______ plants in my garden.
10. Do you drink ______ coffee?
11. I’d like ______ cup of tea.
12. I went to Scotland ______ last Christmas.
13. Do you have ______ internet access at home?
14. There’s a test at ______ end of the course.
15. My favourite month is ______ May.
16. She buys her stamps from ______ post office.
17. He got a new laptop and a phone last year. ______ phone has already broken.
18. We ordered lunch in a café. ______ sandwiches were delicious.
19. I bought a new bicycle last week. ______ wheels are red.
20. There’s ______ beautiful dress in that shop.

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.13
1. There are at least ______ million people living there.
2. ______ penguins live in cold places.
3. He got married on ______ 5th of April.
4. She’s from ______ Bogotá.
5. I’m ______ student.
6. ______ swans have babies called cygnets.
7. The adverts were sent by ______ post.
8. That sounds like ______ tractor!
9. She loves playing ______ tennis.
10. This is ______ coldest winter in a long time.
11. It must have been amazing to be an artist in Italy during ______ Renaissance.
12. Shall we meet on ______ Tuesday?
13. He studies ______ German philosophy.
14. I often fall asleep on ______ bus and miss my stop.
15. I like reading ______ Russian novels.
16. ______ fact is, I don’t really like chocolate.
17. Lucy is often on ______ phone.
18. I’m ______ happiest when I’m sitting in the sunshine.
19. He went to ______ hospital to visit his friend.
20. London is ______ exciting city.

REVIEW EXERCISE 10.14
1. ______ British don’t seem to mind the weather in the UK.
2. She did her master’s degree at ______ Cambridge University.
3. She has ______ few books – they look good on the shelf.
4. I had toast and coffee for ______ breakfast today.
5. The speed limit is 30 miles ______ hour.
6. Lucy was in such ______ hurry she forgot to lock the door.
7. Julie can speak ______ Japanese fluently.

8. Do you know if there’s ______ good café near here?

9. She loves having coffee outside in ______ sunshine.

10. I don’t like travelling at ______ night.

11. A solicitor is a kind of ______ lawyer.

12. You can open an account at ______ bank.

13. She had ______ cough all winter.

14. Could you write the answer to ______ number 8 on the board please?

15. Shall we have ______ dinner at eight?

16. Is there ______ FAQ on the website?

17. Let’s have a cup of coffee in ______ Starbucks.

18. I could see at ______ glance that the flat had been burgled.

19. The train on _____ platform 4 is for London.

20. That film is ______ comedy.

**REVIEW EXERCISE 10.15**

1. She was an interpreter for ______ UN.

2. She learned to play _____ flute when she was at school.

3. The book will be published in ______ September.


5. She had _____ measles when she was a child.

6. He played _____ saxophone in a band.

7. She picked up the wrong coat by ______ mistake.

8. His house is near _____ Thames [the river in London].

9. We travelled around _____ South America for six months.

10. We had afternoon tea at ______ Dorchester [a hotel].

11. School children in London often go to _____ British Museum.

12. I listened to the tennis match on _____ radio.

13. She spent two weeks travelling around _____ Tuscany [a region in Italy].

14. She looks like _____ gymnast.

15. We sat by the fire and listened to _____ rain.

16. I’m looking for _____ pair of small, black shoes. I’m going to go shopping tomorrow.

17. There’s _____ little milk left – enough for our coffee.

18. She was appointed _____ CEO in March.

19. I usually arrive at _____ work about nine in the morning.

20. _____ cats like chasing _____ mice.
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APPENDIX EXERCISE A1.1
Choose a or an.

1. ____ Easter egg
2. _____ European holiday
3. _____ umbrella
4. _____ yellow dress
5. _____ car
6. _____ beautiful view
7. _____ hour
8. _____ uniform
9. _____ orange
10. _____ interesting day
11. _____ sofa
12. _____ ugly picture
13. _____ expensive suit
14. _____ clever student
15. _____ university library
16. _____ child
17. _____ good teacher
18. _____ original idea
19. _____ park
20. _____ useful book

APPENDIX EXERCISE A1.2
Fill the gap with a or an.

1. The teacher wrote _____ ‘A’ on the student’s work.
2. You can print _____ PDF.
3. She got _____ iPod for her birthday.
4. My brother drives _____ BMW.
5. Her name is Gillian with _____ G.
6. She has _____ IQ of 160.
7. The lecturer gave the student _____ ‘F’.
8. I bought _____ CD.
9. He thought he saw _____ UFO.
10. There’s _____ ATM round the corner.

APPENDIX EXERCISE A2.1
What kind of nouns are these?

1. Mrs Brown a: common noun  b: proper noun
2. Library a: common noun  b: proper noun
3. London a: common noun  b: proper noun
4. Dog a: common noun  b: proper noun
5. Chicago a: common noun  b: proper noun
6. Spain a: common noun  b: proper noun
7. Houses a: common noun  b: proper noun
8. Nile a: common noun  b: proper noun
9. Chair a: common noun  b: proper noun

APPENDIX EXERCISE A2.2
What kind of nouns are these?

1. book   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
2. countries   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
3. T-shirts   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
4. fridge   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
5. laptops   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
6. water   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
7. computers   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
8. universes   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
9. plates   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
10. love   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
11. rice   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
12. cup   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
13. apple   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
14. toothbrushes   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
15. shoe   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
16. tea   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
17. train   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
18. phones   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
19. paint   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
20. spaghetti   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
21. handbag   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
22. steaks   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
23. toothpaste   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
24. ring   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
25. research   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
26. weather   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
27. watch   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
28. chairs   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable
29. furniture   a: singular countable / b: plural countable / c: uncountable

APPENDIX EXERCISE A2.3
Are these sentences correct? Change them if they’re wrong.

1. We have a lot of homeworks.
2. She does researches at the university.
3. I need a knowledge about history.
4. He had a lot of fun at the party.
5. We need some new furnitures.
6. How many baggages do you have?
7. I need more informations.
8. I hope we have a good weather on holiday.
9. We made a progress with the work.
10. Do you have any cash?
11. The news are good.
12. I need an accommodation for tonight.
13. Can we have spaghettis for dinner?
14. There was a snow last night.
15. Hope you have a good luck!

APPENDIX EXERCISE A2.4
Are these sentences correct?
1. That actress has lovely hairs.
2. The government is trying to encourage business by reducing taxes.
3. She bought four cheeses.
4. I eat chickens and chips very often.
5. The news is very bad, I’m afraid.
6. The planes make a lot of noises.
7. The lecturer gave talk about art history.
8. She ordered two mineral waters.
9. There were lambs playing in the field.
10. My garden gets a lot of lights.

APPENDIX EXERCISE A2.5
Are these sentences correct?
1. She bought me a tea and a slice of cake.
2. You can leave your luggages here.
3. We don’t eat many rice at home.
4. I’m looking for an information about hotels.
5. She had a huge selection of different teas.
6. Could I have a coffee?
7. Could you give me an advice?
8. I need an assistance with this.
9. She appreciates beauty.
10. Have you done your homeworks?
11. The traffic were terrible this morning.
12. We haven’t made much progress, I’m afraid.
13. She ate yogurt with blueberries.
14. She bought carrots and spinaches.
15. There is a lot of researches into this problem.
16. The money are on the table.
17. There isn’t much evidence against the person accused of the crime.
18. Do you have a work?
19. A fun is important, but don’t forget to study too.
20. Experience is often more important than qualifications.

APPENDIX EXERCISE A3.1
Fill the gap with some or ‘no article’ (Ø).
1. Can you buy ______ pasta? [I’m thinking of the amount we need for tonight.]
2. We need ______ mushrooms [I’m not thinking about the amount].
3. John drinks ______ coffee every morning [coffee, not tea].
4. Add ______ water to the soup if it’s too thick [a certain amount of water].
5. I really want ______ tea – could you get me a cup?
6. We could have ______ rice for dinner [rice, not pasta].
7. I ate ______ bread and two eggs for lunch [I’m thinking about the amount].
8. She bought ______ new furniture [a certain amount of furniture].
9. Did you get ______ carrots? [I’m not thinking about the amount.]
10. I’d like _______ tea, please! [Tea, not juice or coffee.]

APPENDIX EXERCISE A3.2
Fill the gap with some or any.
1. Have we got ______ bread? [A real question, I have no idea.]
2. ______ student will tell you that they don’t have enough money [it doesn’t matter which student].
3. We’ve got ______ furniture, but we still need a table.
4. She bought ______ new clothes.
5. You can buy beer in ______ pub [it doesn’t matter which pub].
6. Can I have ______ more juice? [I expect you will say ‘yes’.]
7. Did you buy ______ juice? [I have no idea, this is a real question.]
8. I can speak ______ French.
10. In London in the winter there’s hardly ______ sunlight.
11. Go into ______ shop on the high street and ask [it doesn’t matter which shop].
12. Would you like ______ more meat? [An offer – I think you will say ‘yes’.
13. There’s ______ money in my handbag.
14. Did you buy ______ chicken? [I expect you will say ‘yes’, because we talked about it before.
15. I don’t have ______ sunblock with me.
16. She never drinks ______ water.
17. Do you have ______ sugar? [I expect you will say ‘yes’, because usually you have sugar.
18. It’s hard in a new city without ______ friends.
19. I didn’t find ______ problems.
20. Could you give me ______ paper? [A request – I expect you will say ‘yes’.