

Употребление артиклей

Articles

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Значение артикля

- Артикли - определители имен существительных.
- Не несут на себе ударения.
- Перед согласной - а
- Перед гласной - an
- Классифицирующее значение - название предмета вообще (какой-то)
- the [i] - имеет индивидуализирующее значение

Сводная таблица

Неопределенный артикль	Определенный артикль	Отсутствие артикля
a/an - one какой-то	The/ -that - тот	неисч. абстракт. с исчис. сущ. в ед.ч.
с сущ в ед. и мн.ч.	есть определение классифицирующее значение	индивидуализ. значение
It's a pen.	It's the pen you gave me.	These are pens.
It's a red pen.	Where is the pen?	

Неопределенный артикль

1. Один из ряда однотипных представителей класса

When I write, I always use /a pen/pens.

2. Когда существительное обозначает кем или чем является предмет и служит в предложении

- a) именной частью составного сказуемого.

I'm a student.

- b) приложением

My friend, a student of our class, ...

- c) классифицирующим определением

A letter written in pencil is difficult to read.

- d) описательным определением

I have a clock, which is 100 years old.

3. Когда имеется ввиду всякий/любой представитель класса

A child can understand it.

Неопределенный артикль

4. Лицо или предмет упоминаемый впервые (неизвестный собеседнику)

I bought a book yesterday.

5. В значении один:

in an hour, to say a word, a pound of sugar, a hundred roubles

6. В восклицательных предложениях после what (что за/какой)

What a smart boy!

7. Перед порядковым числительным в значении другой/еще один

A third man entered the room.

8. Разновидность качества или чувств (в значении such/a kind of)

She showed a patience that I had never expected of her.

9. В ряде сочетаний и выражений

*a great deal of,
for a long time,
all of a sudden,
to be in a hurry,
to have a look*

Определенный артикль

1. Когда существительное имеет при себе определение, служащее для выделения его из ряда однотипных предложений.

It's the telegram I received yesterday.

2. Когда из ситуации ясно

Where is the key?

3. Повторно упомянутый предмет или лицо

I bought a book yesterday. The book is interesting.

4. Единственный в своем роде

The earth is millions of km-s from the sun.

5. Все предметы данного класса

Give me a list of the students.

Определенный артикль

6. Весь род в целом через название одного предмета

The pine grows in northern countries.

7. Перед именами прилагательными и причастиями, превратившимися в существительные со значением множественного числа.

The poor in NY live in slums.

8. С вещественными существительными

Pass me the bread, please.

9. С именами существительными собственными - фамилии во множественном числе

The Browns have left for London.

10. В ряде сочетаний и выражений

in the morning/in the country/to play the piano/to tell the truth/to go to the theatre

Отсутствие артикля

1. если есть другой определитель

My room/this book/some matches

2. должность, звание, единственный в данной обстановке или после глаголов to elect, to appoint, to make

He is chief of this expedition. He was elected president.

3. перед исчисляемыми существительными во мн. ч. предметы данного класса

They packed the goods in bags.

- именная часть сказуемого или приложение

They are students.

- любые представители класса

Children like it.

- после what, such, quite, rather (перед сущ. мн.ч)

What fine books.

Отсутствие артикля

4. перед неисчисляемыми существительными (в общем смысле)

Knowledge is power.

5. имена собственные (*Tom, Brown, Moscow, Fleet Street, May, Sunday*), форма обращения:

Professor B; Doctor B; captain! porter!

6. в сочетаниях и выражениях:

at night, at home, at work, at dinner,

by sea, by name, by heart,

to go to school, in time, to take part, to shake hands,

to lose sight

Exercise 1

Вставьте артикль, где необходимо.

1. Take ... little tea; it will do you ... lot of good.
2. Out of ... sight, out of ... mind.
3. I like ... lot of ... sugar in my tea.
4. ... supper is ... last meal of ... day.
5. We were served with ... bread and ... butter, ... cup of coffee for each of us, and ... jug of ... cream.
6. This is ... answer to ... problem ... teacher gave us.
7. There won't be another train for at least ... hour.
8. We had ... dinner together at ... good restaurant ... yesterday.
9. ... Danube, ... Volga and ... Thames are three important rivers.

Exercise 2

Вставьте артикль, где необходимо.

1. He came to see me ... last week and brought... English handbook with him.
2. ... good dictionary is ... great help to ... students.
3. ... last night I met Tommy; he said he would come here today if ... weather were fine.
4. What is ... matter? Have you had ... accident?
5. He works hard by ... day and sleeps soundly at ... night.
6. ... help came at ... last and ... swimmer was rescued.
7. He works every ... day from ... early morning till late at... night.
8. He went into ... inn and asked for ... bread and ... butter.
9. By ... way, - he said, - where is ... shop you told me about?

Exercise 3

Вставьте артикль, где необходимо.

Many years ago ... tea was unknown in ... European countries. Many people didn't even know ... word "tea", though drinking ... tea was very popular in ... East.

Once ... young sailor came back from India. He was ... only son of ... old woman and every time he returned to ... Great Britain from ... far-away country he brought his mother ... gift. Of course, he tried to bring her something unusual, that she could show to her friends.

This time he brought her ... box of ... tea. ... old woman didn't know anything about ... tea, but she liked ... smell, and invited all her friends to come and try it.

When her guests arrived, she invited them to ... dining table. ... old woman treated them to ... cakes and ... fruit and ... tealeaves.

When ... sailor entered ... room and saw ... big plate filled with ... tealeaves, he understood everything. He smiled when he saw his mother's friends eating ... tea-leaves with ... butter and ... salt.

They pretended they liked it, but it was clear they didn't enjoy eating ... leaves.

"Where is, ... tea. Mother?" ... sailor asked. His mother pointed to ... plate in ... middle of ... table. "No, this is only ... leaves of ... tea," ... sailor said. "Where I water?"

"... water!" his mother said. I threw ... water away, of course."

Exercise 4

Вставьте артикль, где необходимо.

Robert Burns, ... great Scottish poet, loved common people and wrote for them.

Though he had little formal education, he was well-read and talented. He began to be recognized as ... poet when his first poems were published in 1786. He was known as ... very witty man.

One day when Burns was walking near ... docks, he heard that ... cry for ... help. He ran towards... water. At that moment he saw ... young sailor jump off ... boat that stood near ... dock.... sailor began to swim towards ... man who was calling for ... help. Though it was not easy,... sailor saved ... man.

... man who was saved from drowning was ... very rich merchant. He thanked ... brave sailor and gave him... shilling. ... sailor was embarrassed. ... large crowd of people gathered round them. All ... people considered ... sailor to be ... hero. They were displeased when ... rich man gave ... brave soldier only ... shilling.

Many of ... people shouted loudly and protested against it. But... rich merchant did not pay any attention to them.

At ... moment Robert Burns approached ... crowd and wondered what... matter was. He was told ... whole story.

Check yourself

Fill in a, an or the where necessary.

1. I'm looking for _____ job.
2. He must go to _____ bank to get some money.
3. Would you like _____ apple?
4. I'm going away at _____ end of this month.
5. He went to _____ prison to visit his brother.
6. Ann didn't go to _____ work yesterday.
7. _____ rich should pay more taxes.
8. We called _____ doctor.
9. That's _____ nice pair of jeans.

KEY

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

Check yourself

10. The metro is _____ means of transport.
11. Can you hear _____ music?
12. Many people are afraid of _____ dogs.
13. I'd like to have _____ piano.
14. _____ French are famous for their food.
15. _____ Sweden is in _____ northern Europe.
16. _____ Tower of London is _____ popular tourist attraction.
17. They gave me _____ information about flights.
18. What _____ interesting news!

KEY

10. a

11. -

12. -

13. a

14. The

15. -, -

16. The, a

17. -

18. -

Check yourself

19. _____ Alps extend over 1,000 kilometres.
20. _____ coffee is expensive nowadays.
21. She is very good at _____ painting.
22. _____ Prince lives in _____ palace in _____ London.
23. Newcastle is _____ town in _____ north of _____ UK.
24. His favourite newspaper is _____ Guardian.
25. He went on _____ expensive holiday to _____ Bahamas.
26. _____ Statue of Liberty is in _____ New York.
27. _____ Hilton Hotel is situated near _____ River Thames.
28. _____ Tate Gallery is quite far from _____ Science Museum.

KEY

19. The

20. –

21. –

22. The, a, –

23. a, the, the

24. the

25. an, the

26. The, –

27. The, the

28. The, the

Check yourself

29. I have _____ appointment at _____ dentist's because I've got _____ toothache.
30. We spent _____ last summer on _____ island of Crete.
31. My father owns _____ shop in _____ village where we live.
32. He has _____ sunstroke after spending too much time on _____ beach.
33. We went for _____ walk along _____ coast.
34. _____ tigers are dangerous.
35. Can you give me _____ book over there?
36. "There's _____ Mr Smith waiting for you," the secretary said.
37. I like watching _____ TV.
38. Turn off _____ television.
39. What _____ interesting book!

KEY

29. an, the, a

30. –, the

31. a, the

32. –, the

33. a. the

34. –

35. the

36. a

37. –

38. the

39. an

Check yourself

40. I have English five days ____ week.
41. Could you close ____ door, please?
42. I'm sorry. It was ____ mistake.
43. We live in ____ small flat near ____ city centre.
44. There's ____ small supermarket at ____ end of ____ street I live in.
45. ____ sun is ____ star.
46. ____ moon goes round ____ earth every 27 days.
47. What is ____ highest mountain in ____ world?
48. I don't usually have ____ lunch but I always eat ____ good breakfast.
49. If you live in ____ foreign country, you should try and learn ____ language.

KEY

40. a

41. the

42. a

43. a, the

44. a, the, the

45. The, a

46. The, the

47. the, the

48. -, a

49. a, the

Check yourself

50. We were on _____ wrong platform. We were on _____ Platform 3.
51. Every term _____ parents are invited to _____ school to meet _____ teachers.
52. Do many people go to _____ university in your country?
53. This is _____ small town but _____ university is _____ biggest in _____ country.
54. Nora works as _____ cleaner at _____ hospital.
55. My brother has never been to _____ hospital.
56. I like to read in _____ bed before I go to sleep.
57. When do you usually go to _____ bed?
58. It was _____ long voyage. We were at _____ sea for four weeks.
59. I'd like to live near _____ sea.
60. I like _____ people I work with.

KEY

50. the, –

51. –, the, the

52. –

53. a, the, the, the

54. a, the

55. –

56. –

57. –

58. a, –

59. the

60. the

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