

Aggie Grammar Guide: Articles (the, a, an)

Intermediate Practice

The nouns are bolded in each sentence below. Write the correct article before the noun (or noun phrase). \emptyset is an option if no article is needed.

Example: I love ____ **sports** very much, but I had ____ **injury**.

Answer: I love \emptyset sports very much, but I had an injury.

- 1) I always thought that ____ **America** would have ____ **lot** of ____ **Caucasians**.
- 2) ____ **stress** has ____ great **impact** on ____ **students'** academic performance.
- 3) ____ successful **climber** is ____ wise **judge** of ____ physical **ability** and ____ good **decision maker**.
- 4) In addition, ____ **media** do not anticipate ____ **dangers** and ____ **risks**.
- 5) In almost every Chinese school, rather than teaching students how to actually speak in English, educators teach students how to deal with English exams. Actually, ____ **issue** has become ____ major **problem** among ____ Chinese **students** in ____ American **colleges**.
- 6) ____ **author** describes how ____ **Google** will have ____ hard **time** to get into ____ automotive **industry**.
- 7) How does ____ electric **motor** work in ____ **hybrid car**?

Advanced Practice

Each of the following sentences has at least two nouns. First, read each sentence and list all the nouns (include proper nouns but not pronouns). Second, decide if the relationship between each noun and its article is correct and then revise the sentence to correct any article errors. When you make corrections, try adding an article, removing an article, changing an article, or making the noun singular or plural. For each sentence, at least one relationship will be correct and at least one will be incorrect.

Example: *I ate plate of eggs along with some toasts.*

Nouns: *plate, eggs, toasts*

Revision: *I ate **a** plate of eggs along with some **toast**.*

- 1) This was my first time to read the long chapter about the space lives.
 - A. List the nouns:
 - B. Revise the sentence to fix any article errors.
- 2) In the article, author gave an example about Facebook.
 - A. List the nouns:
 - B. Revise the sentence to fix any article errors.
- 3) With their amazing charisma, the United Kingdom and France are the representative countries of the Europe.
 - A. List the nouns:
 - B. Revise the sentence to fix any article errors.
- 4) Language is the one of the most important factor that I will consider.
 - A. List the nouns:
 - B. Revise the sentence to fix any article errors.
- 5) The first reason why the mobile phones are the most beneficial invention in the last 100 years is that mobile phones can strengthen people's relationship.
 - A. List the nouns:
 - B. Revise the sentence to fix any article errors.

- 6) For example, the author mentioned that by 2080 only six cities will be able to hold Winter Olympics because of the global warming.
 - A. List the nouns:
 - B. Revise the sentence to fix any article errors.

- 7) I was amazed by what majority of men expected women to be in the 1700s.
 - A. List the nouns:
 - B. Revise the sentence to fix any article errors.