

9A The genuine article

Use and non-use of articles



Question 1

A: I'm thinking of buying a new bike next week.
B: Have you been to new cycle shop on the George Street?

FOLD

Answer

A: I'm thinking of buying a new bike next week.
B: Have you been to **the** new cycle shop on **the** George Street?

Question 2

There's a restaurant in the Washington that makes a most delicious lasagne in the world.

FOLD

Answer

There's a restaurant in **the** Washington that makes the most delicious lasagne in **the** world.

Question 3

I'm reading the interesting book at the moment. It's about a life of Nelson Mandela when he was in prison.

FOLD

Answer

I'm reading **an** interesting book at the moment. It's about **the** life of Nelson Mandela when he was in prison.

Question 4

I've got two pets – a cat and a dog. I don't like a cat because he brings the mice into the house.

FOLD

Answer

I've got two pets – a cat and a dog. I don't like **the** cat because he brings **the** mice into the house.

Question 5

Mark and Laura got married on 23rd of December. Few days later, Laura realised she'd made the worst mistake of her life.

FOLD

Answer

Mark and Laura got married on **the** 23rd of December. **A** few days later, Laura realised she'd made the worst mistake of her life.

Question 6

I've started going to a yoga class on Thursdays. A teacher is very good, but I'm worst in the class!

FOLD

Answer

I've started going to a yoga class on Thursdays. **The** teacher is very good, but I'm **the** worst in the class!

Question 7

You may now open an examination paper. Write your name and the date at top of the page.

FOLD

Answer

You may now open **the** examination paper. Write your name and the date at **the** top of the page.

Question 8

I don't go to the church. In fact, I've only been inside church once, when I went to Russia.

FOLD

Answer

I don't go to **the** church. In fact, I've only been inside **a** church once, when I went to Russia.

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Question 9

After leaving school, Janet worked as cleaner in an office. She then went to the Yale University to study economics.

FOLD

Answer

After leaving school, Janet worked as **a** cleaner in an office. She then went to ~~the~~ Yale University to study economics.

Question 10

His mother is doctor and she lives in a small village in north of Brazil near the Atlantic Ocean.

FOLD

Answer

His mother is **a** doctor and she lives in a small village in the north of Brazil near **the** Atlantic Ocean.

Question 11

As I was walking along Oxford Street on my way to National Theatre, I found a ten-pound note on a pavement.

FOLD

Answer

As I was walking along Oxford Street on my way to **the** National Theatre, I found a ten-pound note on **the** pavement.

Question 12

I met an old friend from the school at lunchtime on Thursday. We ate in Grand Hotel.

FOLD

Answer

I met an old friend from ~~the~~ school at lunchtime on Thursday. We ate in **the** Grand Hotel.

Question 13

While I was staying in the hotel in south of India, I met a man who worked for the CIA.

FOLD

Answer

While I was staying in **a** hotel in **the** south of India, I met a man who worked for the CIA.

Question 14

Many of the cities in the USA suffer from the crime. The police should be given the money they need to deal with problem.

FOLD

Answer

Many of the cities in the USA suffer from ~~the~~ crime. The police should be given the money they need to deal with **the** problem.

Question 15

I went to the cinema last night with the friend from work and we saw a film about Vietnam War.

FOLD

Answer

I went to the cinema last night with **a** friend from work and we saw a film about **the** Vietnam War.

Question 16

The last weekend Janet Morgan went skiing in Alps and then stayed in a hotel by Lake Geneva.

FOLD

Answer

~~The~~ Last weekend Janet Morgan went skiing in **the** Alps and then stayed in a hotel by Lake Geneva.

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Instructions

You will need: one set of cards per pair

- Divide students into pairs and give each pair a set of cards. Students divide the cards equally without looking at them. Tell students there are two mistakes on each card.
- Student A turns over his/her first card, folds away the answer, then shows the question to Student B, who must correct the mistakes. Student A checks Student B's answers and awards one point for each correct one.
- Students take turns to show each other the questions. They place cards they got wrong in a separate pile. The student with the most points wins.
- After the activity they can go through the cards they got wrong.