

Articles Practice

Now finish the sentences using *a* or *an* and the correct phrase from the box.

- 0 Steven Spielberg is an American director.
- 1 Tokyo is _____
- 2 Heathrow is _____
- 3 The Ganges is _____
- 4 Oxford is _____
- 5 A Mercedes is _____
- 6 Spain is _____

European country
Indian river
American director
university town
Japanese city
English airport
German car

Put *a*, *an* or *the* in the gaps in these conversations.

- 0 Joanna: What did you do yesterday evening?
Peter: I watched an interesting programme on TV. Then I had something to eat and I read a book.
Joanna: What was the programme about?
- 1 Steve: I've bought a jumper. I'm going to give it to Joanna for her birthday.
Cathy: Really? Can I see _____ jumper?
- 2 Mary: Hello, Carol! What are you doing here?
Carol: I'm waiting to speak to the manager of this shop. I bought _____ TV here yesterday, and it doesn't work.
Mary: Oh, I'm sorry. I bought _____ radio here and it's very good. Was _____ TV expensive?
- 3 Chris: _____ police car and _____ ambulance stopped in my street this morning.
Jimmy: Do you know why?
Chris: Well, _____ police car stayed for five minutes, and then _____ ambulance left with one of my neighbours inside.
- 4 Joy: I'm going to have a meal in _____ Japanese restaurant tonight.
Mike: I'm going to _____ disco. Do you want to meet me at _____ disco after you've eaten?
- 5 David: How long have you lived here?
Philip: Ten years.
David: Really? Have you got _____ flat or _____ house?
Philip: I've got both! _____ flat is in the centre of town. It's very small. _____ house is by the sea.

There are some mistakes in these sentences. Put a tick (✓) if you think the underlined word is correct. Cross it out and change it if you think it's wrong.

- 0 I'm not sure what she does, but I think she's a ✓ doctor.
- 0 I saw the a thousand different things when I was on holiday.
- 1 Be careful! That perfume costs £100 a bottle.
- 2 We must invite him to the party. He plays a piano and a guitar.
- 3 A: What does John do?
B: I'm not sure, but I think he is the teacher in a school.
- 4 She likes to drive at the hundred miles an hour.
- 5 I play the violin in an orchestra. They pay me £50 the day!
- 6 I've got the hundred jobs to do before we leave.
- 7 A: Is my handbag in the living-room?
B: No, it isn't. I saw it in a kitchen.

Sound of Silence - articles

Hello darkness, my old friend
I've come to talk with you again
Because 1 ____ vision softly creeping
Left its seeds while I was sleeping
And 2 ____ vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains within 3 ____ sound of silence

In restless dreams, I walked alone
Narrow streets of cobblestone
'Neath 4 ____ halo of 5 ____ street lamp
I turned my collar to 6 ____ cold and damp
When my eyes were stabbed by 7 ____ flash of a neon light
That split the night, and touched the sound of silence

And in 8 ____ naked light I saw
Ten thousand people, maybe more
People talking without speaking
People hearing without listening
People writing songs that voices never shared
And no one dared disturb 9 ____ sound of silence

"Fools," said I, "You do not know
Silence like 10 ____ cancer grows
Hear my words that I might teach you
Take my arms that I might reach you"
But my words, like silent raindrops, fell
And echoed in 11 ____ wells of silence

And 12 ____ people bowed and prayed
To the neon god they made
And the sign flashed out its warning
In the words that it was forming
And the sign said, "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls and tenement halls
And whispered in the sound of silence"

missing words

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