

Activity Type

Grammar Activity: gap-fill, guessing (pair work)

Focus

Articles: *a, an, the*

Aim

To practice completing sentences with articles and words.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this articles activity, students guess missing articles and words in sentences.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Students then take it in turns to read a sentence to their partner using the word 'blank' for the words in bold.

Their partner listens and completes the sentence by saying a word from the box on their worksheet along with a suitable article (*a, an, or the*).

If their partner replies with the correct article and word shown in bold, the student scores one point in the box.

The student with the most points at the end wins.

Student A

Take it in turns to read a sentence below to your partner using the word 'blank' for the words in bold. If your partner replies with the correct article and word, score one point in the box.

1. The cat is sleeping on the sofa in our living room.	
2. For breakfast, I had a cup of coffee and some toast.	
3. Can you go to the fridge and get some ice?	
4. We are going to buy a chocolate cake for Jose's birthday party.	
5. The film starts at 2 p.m. Let's meet at the cinema at 1:45.	
6. I walked into the room and switched on the light .	
7. In the UK, you can drive a car when you're 17 years old.	
8. I went to the market and bought an orange and some bananas.	
9. I had a glass of water with my lunch.	
10. I need to buy a new phone. Mine is broken.	
11. What is the answer to question 11?	
12. Alice was the first student to finish the test.	

Complete each of your partner's sentences by saying a word from the box along with a suitable article (*a, an, or the*).

island	summer	motorcycle	first	sandwich	photo
elephant	English	kitchen	menu	teacher	rabbit

Student B

Take it in turns to read a sentence below to your partner using the word 'blank' for the words in bold. If your partner replies with the correct article and word, score one point in the box.

1. I was hungry, so I made a sandwich .	
2. I learned to ride a motorcycle when I was 20 years old.	
3. I went to the zoo and saw an elephant .	
4. I went into the kitchen and made a cup of tea.	
5. Sicily is an island in the Mediterranean Sea.	
6. I asked the waiter for the menu .	
7. The first time I went to Spain, I stayed in Barcelona.	
8. My mother is an English teacher.	
9. The teacher gave the students a lot of homework.	
10. This is a photo of me and my friends at the beach.	
11. I love animals. I have a rabbit , two cats and three dogs.	
12. In the summer , I go on holiday with my family.	

Complete each of your partner's sentences by saying a word from the box along with a suitable article (*a, an, or the*).

car	light	cinema	fridge	new	first
cup	answer	orange	sofa	chocolate	glass