

THE ARTICLE

1. Put in a or *the* where necessary in the passage below:

I have just moved to ... house in the Bridge Street. Yesterday ... beggar knocked at my door. He asked me for ... meal and ... glass of beer, In return for this, ... beggar stood on his head, sang ... songs. I gave him ... meal. He ate ... food and drank ... beer. Then he put ... piece of cheese in his pocket and went away. Later ... neighbour told me about him. Everybody knows him. His name is ... Percy Buttons. He calls at every house in ... street once ... month and always asks for ... meal and ... glass of beer.

2. Put in the words *a, the, some* and *any* where necessary:

I like sitting by ... Wayle on fine afternoons. It was...warm Sunday, so I went and sat on ... river bank as usual. ... children were playing ... games on ... bank and there were ... people rowing on ... river. Suddenly, one of ... children kicked ... ball very hard and it went towards ... passing boat. ... people on ... bank called out to ... man in ... boat, but he did not hear them. ... ball struck him so hard that nearly fell into ... water. I turned to look at ... children, but there weren't ... in sight.

3. Put in the where necessary:

1. Have you read ... today's paper ?
2. Did you get my letter of ... February 24 ?
3. They went to ... Aquarium in ... London Zoo.
4. ...Petticoat Lane is in ... East End of London.
5. She complained that ... Mariner Street was too dark.
6. They have had to cancel their reservation at ... very last minute.
7. ... bathing is not allowed here.

8. ... medical science has developed pills and tablets for almost everything.
9. He's sitting in front of ... TV
10. With ... exception of rusty nails you may eat anything you like.
11. In the last fifty years ... progress has been greater than at any other time.

4. Make sentences using the indefinite article a:

Example: *He / rather/ special case.*

He is a rather special case.

1. It/ rather/ interesting him.
2. The manager/ quite/ nice chap.
3. The Ritz / such/ expensive hotel.
4. Her father/ quite/ rich man.
5. You/ such/ strange person.
6. This/ only half/ pint, but I want a pint.
7. There/ half/ dozen mistakes in this translation.
8. 15,000 pounds/ too good/ price to be refused.

5. Put in a (n) or the where necessary:

1. He's ... pupil at the school near my house.
2. He was elected ... Mayor by a big majority.
3. He has become ... lawyer.
4. Churchill, who was ... Prime Minister twice, was made ... Knight of the Garter in 1953.
5. ... dinner I had last night was very good.
6. I had ... dinner at seven o'clock last night.
7. I had ... very good dinner last night.
8. That was ...good advice, thank you.
9. Instead of spending so much time in the kitchen, you should be taking ... interest in politics.
10. In Britain, ... full-time education begins at ... age of five.
11. What you need is ... common sense.
12. We can't afford to lose ... money.

13. Have you got ... headache ?
14. Bob is trying to learn ... trumpet.
15. This is ... big store in ... Oxford Street.
16. As ... result of the heavy rain, there were floods in some parts of the country.
17. Why don't we go to Wales for... change?

6. Make sentences using the indefinite article:

Example: *This car/ do/ a hundred miles/ hour.*

This car does a hundred miles an hour.

1. He/ go/ to the sauna twice/ week.
2. They/ make/ thousand cars/ month.
3. This book/ self/ fifty thousand copies/ year.
4. He/ drink/ a pint of milk/ day.
5. The rooms/ cost/ two pounds/ night.
6. The terms/ be/ nineteen pounds/ person.

7. Supply a (n), the or some where necessary:

1. ... children love ... fruit.
2. ... child ran across ... street.
3. It is pleasant to read ... book in ... afternoon.
4. There is ... garden behind ... house.
5. I have ... pen and ... pencil.
6. ... postman has just put ... letter under ... door.
7. ... tea is very hot, I must put ... milk in it.
8. Give me ... knife and ... small spoon.
9. ... cat loves ... milk.
10. Mary wants ... doll with ... blue eyes.
11. You must give me ... food and ... cup of coffee.
12. ... car made ... loud noise.
13. ... vegetables are good for ... health.
14. ... door of ... garage is broken.
15. There are ... beautiful flowers in ... park.
16. I want ... glass of ... milk.

17. ... student at ... back of ...class is reading ... newspaper.
18. It is not good to smoke ... cigarette before ... meal.
19. ... page of ... book is torn.
20. There is ... fly in ... lemonade.
21. ... youngest brother is at ...school now. If you go to ... school by tram, you willbe justin ... time to meet him.
22. ... birds can fly very high in ... sky.
23. ... book on that shelf is ... interesting one about ... history.
24. ... ship you were speaking about has just come into ... port. She has been at ... sea for ... long time. Look! ... captain has just come on ... deck!
25. It is pleasant to play ... game of ... tennis on ... summer afternoon.
26. He makes ... toys in ... evening.
27. ... butcher opposite ... library always sells ... good meat.
28. They have sent my boy-friend Tommy to ... prison for hitting Bobby .
29. ... donkeys are ... stupid animals.
30. Put ... butter on ... potatoes.
31. I am fond of ... apples with ... cheese.
32. ... honesty is ... best of all ... virtues.
33. He took up ... swimming as ... sport ... last year.
34. He always smokes ... cigarette with ... cup of ...coffee.
35. I should like ... house in ... country.
36. We had ... dinner at ... new restaurant ... last night.
37. Let's get .. strawberries for ... tea.
38. Take ... umbrella with you to ... office, it may rain.
39. ... car is ready now.
40. Jack and Jill went up ... hill to fetch. ... pail of ... water.
41. Do you prefer ... book of ... poetry or ... stories of ... adventures?
42. I want ... tin of ... peaches ... sugar, and ... pound of ... raspberry jam.

43. ...clouds over ...sea are lovely today.

44. My girl-friend Maisie travelled in ... third-class carriage with ... Americans.

8. Give the best Romanian equivalents of the following and use each in a sentence of your own:

(*as*) active as quicksilver; (*as*) awkward as a bull in a china shop; (*as*) bare as winter trees; (*as*) big as an elephant; (*as*) black as a crow, (*as*) busy as a bee; (*as*) cool as a cucumber; (*as*) fit as a fiddle; (*as*) gentle as a lamb; (*as*) green as grass; (*as*) happy as a lark; (*as*) hard as rock; (*as*) hungry as a wolf; (*as*) light as air; (*as*) mad as a March hare; (*as*) merry as a cricket; (*as*) pale as linen, (*as*) plain as a day; (*as*) poor as a church mouse; (*as*) red as a lobster; (*as*) simple as ABC; (*as*) slow as a snail; (*as*) soft as silk; (*as*) stiff as a poker; (*as*) stubborn as a mule; (*as*) sudden as an April shower; (*as*) swift as thought; (*as*) white as snow; (*as*) slippery as an eel; (*as*) silent as the grave; (*as*) old as the hills; (*as*) fresh as a daisy; (*as*) sober as a judge; (*as*) beautiful as the day; (*as*) heavy as lead; (*as*) cold as ice; (*as*) blind as a bat; (*as*) merry as a cricket; (*as*) surly as a bear; (*as*) smooth as glass; (*as*) light as a feather; (*as*) pale as death; (*as*) strong as a house; (*as*) ugly as a scarecrow; (*as*) loud as thunder; (*as*) large as life.