

TEST 10 • determiners (1)

Name

1 Articles: revise the basics. Complete the text with *a*, *an*, *the* or – (no article).

1..... year ago I read 2..... incredible story in 3..... magazine I picked up at
4..... dentist's. It was about 5..... man who decided to sail around 6..... world on his own in
7..... small yacht. Nothing too special there. But 8..... most amazing thing was that 9..... man was
totally blind, and would have to rely on 10..... onboard computer, which was linked to 11..... satellite, to provide
him with 12..... information about his location, and warn him of 13..... danger. It took 14..... huge
amount of planning, and cost 15..... lot of money, but surprisingly 16..... voyage was 17..... total success.
After 18..... long time at sea, and having gone through storms and near wrecks, 19..... sailor returned
home 20..... hero.

2 More about generalising with *a* / *an* and *the*. Correct the mistakes or write 'Correct'

- 1 A hippo can run at up to 40 miles per hour.
- 2 The iPad was one of that year's most desirable gadgets.
- 3 I love the jazz.
- 4 A panda is an endangered species.
- 5 There's nothing better than the good cup of coffee.
- 6 Do you have any plans for the future?
- 7 The Prime Minister has ambitious plans for solving the problems in the society.
- 8 I watched an amazing programme on history of China.

3 Articles: other points. Choose the best option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Have you seen the front page of –/ *The Times* this morning?
- 2 He climbed several mountains in Africa, I think he found *the* / – Kilimanjaro the hardest.
- 3 I'll meet you outside *the* / *a* / – bank at 10.
- 4 The amount of –/ *the* rubbish on the floor of that kid's room is unbelievable.
- 5 'Have you read this interview with Spielberg?' 'What, Spielberg *the* / *a* / – director?'
- 6 We found the dog abandoned at *a* / *the* side of the road.
- 7 I'm sorry you're not happy at work. I always said it was *a* / *the* / – wrong job for you.
- 8 Oh, I feel awful. I've got *a* / – terrible headache.

4 Demonstratives: *this*, *that*, *these*, *those*. Decide if the sentences are normal (✓) or unusual/wrong (x).

- 1 Have you read that book here? It's meant to be a fantastic novel.
- 2 I'd like to welcome you to that performance by our choir.
- 3 Well, I'm planning to visit friends in New York. What do you think of that?
- 4 That was a delicious meal, thank you so much.
- 5 (on the phone) 'Hi Mark, that's Tony speaking.'
- 6 I really don't like that new boyfriend of Sandra's.
- 7 We're collecting money for these who are homeless.
- 8 This is my mum, and these are my little brothers.....
- 9 That's his girlfriend over there, the one with the red dress.
- 10 Those should wait in the queue like everyone else.
- 11 His exam results were much better than those of his brother.
- 12 Have you heard the one about this man who walked into an Indian restaurant ...?



5 Possessives: *my, mine* etc. Correct the mistakes or write 'Correct'.

- 1 One should probably avoid giving ones bank details over the phone.
- 2 Tell me more about this new boyfriend of yours.
- 3 Mrs Wilson is an old my mother's friend – she's a lovely lady.
- 4 I've got a pain in my lower back from sitting at a desk all day.
- 5 Jason fractured the ankle playing basketball.
- 6 Tell the children to put on their jacket – it's pouring down outside.
- 7 I'm so happy we've finally got an own home.
- 8 Excuse me, is this drink your?
- 9 Their house is in a much better condition than the ours.
- 10 It's a difficult decision, but he's over-estimating it's importance.
- 11 I've got a colleague who's brother is a racing driver.