

# Articles

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- Irene:** I'm going to get a snack. Do you want anything?  
**Francis:** I'd love a croissant but I'm on a diet. I'm only allowed to eat something sweet once a week.  
**Irene:** Mmm... You're right. a croissants have a lot of calories. Would you like a apple?  
**Francis:** No, I don't like a apples.  
**Irene:** How about strawberries? But they're \$ 5.00 a kilo.  
**Francis:** They're too expensive.  
**Irene:** They have a oranges, too.  
**Francis:** That's a good idea. Buy me a orange.

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One rainy night, while I was driving to a nearby city to see a old friend, my car broke down. I tried to repair a car but I couldn't, so I decided to spend a night in a hotel.

At a hotel a receptionist showed me to a room on a second floor. I fell asleep immediately.

It was 3:30 a.m. when something woke me up. I looked around a room and saw two eyes staring at me. I screamed with fright. Seconds later, a maid knocked on a door and asked me if I was OK.

I soon realised that a eyes belonged to a cat. I calmed down and explained what had happened to a maid. She told me that a cat lived in a hotel and must have come in through a balcony door.

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The Netherlands is a country in a Western Europe which has as its borders: a North Sea, a Germany and a Belgium. The Netherlands is divided into twelve provinces, two of which are called a Holland.

The capital is a Amsterdam but a largest city is a Rotterdam. The Rotterdam is also a biggest port in a world. The two main rivers that flow through a Netherlands are a Rhine and a Maas.

The people of a Netherlands, who are known as a Dutch, are famous for their wooden clogs and a tulips they grow.





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1. "Did \_\_\_\_\_ Marconi invent \_\_\_\_\_ telephone?"  
"No, he invented \_\_\_\_\_ radio."
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Ted graduated from \_\_\_\_\_ Harvard University in \_\_\_\_\_ June.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Petersons are our new neighbours. They seem like really \_\_\_\_\_ nice people.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ new school for \_\_\_\_\_ blind is opposite \_\_\_\_\_ hospital. You can get there by \_\_\_\_\_ bus.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter has worked in \_\_\_\_\_ Portugal for many years and he speaks \_\_\_\_\_ Portuguese fluently.
6. My birthday is on \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday. I'm going to invite my friends over for \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.
7. "Where's \_\_\_\_\_ David?"  
"He's outside washing \_\_\_\_\_ car."
8. A fire broke out at \_\_\_\_\_ Cosmopolitan Cinema on \_\_\_\_\_ Dream Street yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_ fire brigade arrived quickly. Luckily, no-one was injured.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Belinda is very fit. She plays both \_\_\_\_\_ tennis and \_\_\_\_\_ basketball four times a week.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Canary Islands are a group of volcanic islands in \_\_\_\_\_ Atlantic Ocean.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ **A** production of \_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare's famous play, \_\_\_\_\_ Romeo and \_\_\_\_\_ Juliet, is on at \_\_\_\_\_ Swan Theatre at the moment.
2. **Rob:** When I go to \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt, I'm going to visit \_\_\_\_\_ Suez Canal, which was built to connect \_\_\_\_\_ Mediterranean with \_\_\_\_\_ Red Sea. It must be impressive.  
**Gary:** Aren't you going to see \_\_\_\_\_ Pyramids?  
**Rob:** Of course I am.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin is saving up to buy \_\_\_\_\_ cello this month. He already knows how to play \_\_\_\_\_ guitar and wants to learn how to play \_\_\_\_\_ cello now.
4. Buses depart from \_\_\_\_\_ Heathrow Airport for \_\_\_\_\_ Royal National Hotel in \_\_\_\_\_ central London every twenty minutes.
5. I try to keep fit, so I go to \_\_\_\_\_ work on \_\_\_\_\_ foot every day.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Newspaper is advertising \_\_\_\_\_ chess championship which is to be held at \_\_\_\_\_ Game Club. Those able to play \_\_\_\_\_ chess well can enter.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ last Monday, my children went on \_\_\_\_\_ excursion with their school. They rode around \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Jude on \_\_\_\_\_ horseback. When \_\_\_\_\_ children arrived \_\_\_\_\_ home, they were so tired that they went straight to \_\_\_\_\_ bed.
8. **Mary:** Which \_\_\_\_\_ church do you go to?  
**John:** I go to \_\_\_\_\_ St Mark's Church in \_\_\_\_\_ St Mark's Square.
9. Not all \_\_\_\_\_ police officers wear \_\_\_\_\_ uniforms. Some of them work undercover.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ interesting place to visit is \_\_\_\_\_ Skagen, in \_\_\_\_\_ north of \_\_\_\_\_ Denmark.



Read the descriptions of two notable environmental disasters that have occurred in recent decades. Fill in the blanks with the correct article in parentheses (— means no article is needed).

### CHERNOBYL DAMAGE WIDER THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

DETAILS ARE FINALLY EMERGING. On April 26, 1986, \_\_\_\_\_ fires and explosions following \_\_\_\_\_ unauthorized experiment caused \_\_\_\_\_ worst accident in \_\_\_\_\_ history of nuclear power at the nuclear power plant in Chernobyl, Ukraine. At least 31 people were killed in \_\_\_\_\_ disaster itself, and \_\_\_\_\_ radioactive material was released into \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere. Approximately 135,000 people were evacuated from \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity. \_\_\_\_\_ scientists warned of \_\_\_\_\_ possible future cancer deaths and birth defects.

### MASSIVE OIL SPILL IN ALASKA

MARCH 24, 1989. \_\_\_\_\_ oil tanker *Exxon Valdez* struck Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, Alaska, tonight, causing \_\_\_\_\_ worst oil spill in \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. history. More than 10 million gallons of \_\_\_\_\_ oil were spilled, causing the deaths of \_\_\_\_\_ many animals and resulting in \_\_\_\_\_ great environmental catastrophe. The captain of \_\_\_\_\_ *Valdez* was not present in \_\_\_\_\_ wheelhouse at \_\_\_\_\_ time of \_\_\_\_\_ accident; \_\_\_\_\_ ship was being piloted by \_\_\_\_\_ first mate, who was inexperienced. It was determined that \_\_\_\_\_ captain, rather than \_\_\_\_\_ first mate, should have been piloting \_\_\_\_\_ vessel. \_\_\_\_\_ Exxon agreed to pay for \_\_\_\_\_ cost of cleaning up \_\_\_\_\_ spill.

