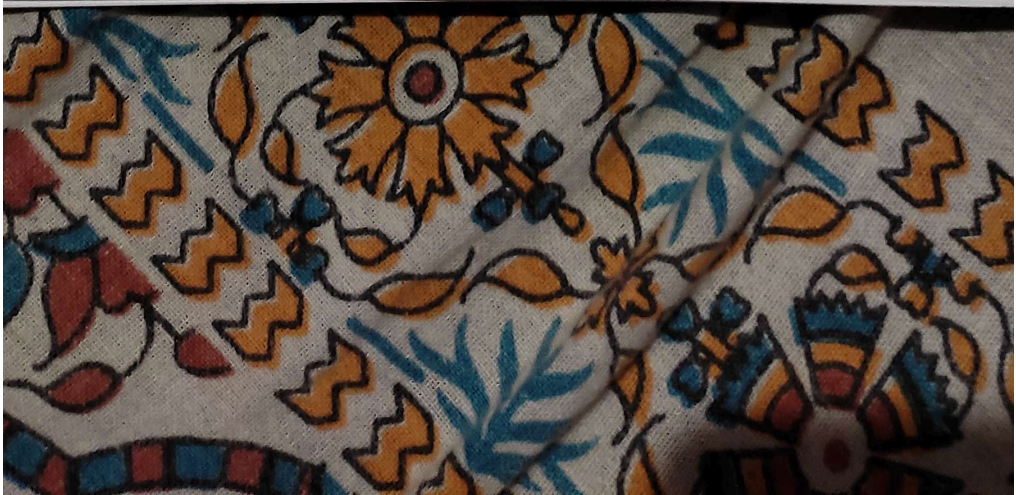


- ❖ when a singular countable noun is used to represent a whole class.  
*The computer is very useful.*  
*The rose is a lovely flower.*
- ❖ before adjectives when they are used as plural nouns to represent the entire class.  
*Fortune favours the brave.*  
*The old often disagree with the young.*
- ❖ before the superlative form of adjectives.  
*Mrs Contractor is the best teacher in our school.*  
*Is the Amazon really the deepest river in the world?*
- ❖ with ordinal numbers.  
*Read the fifth chapter of your history book.*  
*I have secured the third place in the race this time.*
- ❖ when we speak of things which are unique, that is, the only ones of their kind.  
*The moon is beautiful.*  
*The Indian Ocean looked calm at night.*
- ❖ before the names of musical instruments.  
*Lavanya can play the violin.*  
*Bhavya is learning to play the guitar.*
- ❖ when we name the inhabitants of a country collectively.  
*The Americans won the relay race.*  
*England was conquered by the Romans long ago.*
- ❖ in an adverbial way to show that two things increase in the same proportion.  
*The sooner the better.*  
*The more the merrier.*
- ❖ before some proper nouns like the names of rivers, oceans, deserts, buildings, monuments, newspapers, holy books, trains.  
*the Amazon, the Pacific Ocean, the Alps, the West Indies,*  
*the Bible, the Rajdhani Express, the Taj Mahal*



**B. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.**

1. The Red Fort is a magnificent monument. It was built by Shah Jahan
2. A scientist should work for the progress of humankind.
3. Testing times separate the brave from the cowardly.
4. The storm brought down all the cables. So, none of the telephones in neighbourhood are working.
5. Where there is a will, there is a way.



- 6. I will always treasure the advice about honesty and sincerity my grandparents gave me.
- 7. An hour ago I saw an umbrella lying on an wooden bench. Was it yours?
- 8. The tea seems to be of very good quality. Where did you buy it from?
- 9. Diya loves to have a cup of coffee in the morning.
- 10. Oh, the door is open! Did you forget to lock it last night?

C. In the second column tick the correct form – with the or without the. Now match the columns.

- 1. In which continent does Mexico lie? a. Netherlands  the Netherlands  (7)
- 2. Which sea lies between Europe and Africa? b. North America  the North America  (1)
- 3. Which ocean lies between Africa and South America? c. Finland  the Finland  (5)
- 4. Which river runs through Pakistan and India? d. Pacific Ocean  the Pacific Ocean  (6)
- 5. Of which country is Helsinki the capital? e. Indus  the Indus  (4)
- 6. Which ocean lies to the east of Asia? f. Red Sea  the Red Sea  (8)
- 7. Of which country is Amsterdam the capital? g. Asia  the Asia  (9)
- 8. Which sea lies between Asia and Africa? h. Thames  the Thames  (10)
- 9. In which continent does Japan lie? i. Mediterranean Sea  the Mediterranean Sea  (2)
- 10. Which river runs through London? j. Atlantic Ocean  the Atlantic Ocean  (3)

D. Fill in the blanks with the correct article and read out the dialogue in groups of five.

ACHER: Rohan, what do you want to become when you grow up?

ROHAN: I like to study <sup>1.</sup> the stars. I want to become <sup>2.</sup> an astronomer.

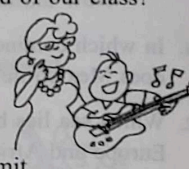
TEACHER: And you, Ritika? What is your ambition?

RITIKA: My coach says that I am <sup>3.</sup> an excellent basketball player. I want to become <sup>4.</sup> a professional player and play at <sup>5.</sup> the international level.

DISHA: Ma'am, I want to do <sup>6.</sup> a course in art and sculpture. I want to sculpt some of <sup>7.</sup> the best pieces in the world.

TEACHER: And what about Navin, <sup>8.</sup> the most cheerful child of our class?

NAVIN: Ma'am, I wish to become <sup>9.</sup> an entertainer. I want to join <sup>10.</sup> a rock band.



TEACHER: Remember, children, for <sup>11.</sup> X those who are focused, <sup>12.</sup> The sky is <sup>13.</sup> @ the limit.

**E. Read the story of Sage Vyasa and the worm and insert articles where you think they are missing. The number of articles missing in each line is indicated. Look up the rules again and check your work.**

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|  | NO. OF<br>ARTICLE<br>MISSING |
| 1. One day as Sage Vyasa was walking down <u>the</u> road he saw <u>a</u> worm hurrying by.                          | (2)                          |
| 2. Sage looked down at <u>the</u> worm in surprise. <u>The</u> Worms did not hurry.                                  | (2)                          |
| 3. "Where are you going in such <u>a</u> rush?" sage asked <u>a</u> little worm.                                     | (3)                          |
| 4. <u>The</u> Worm looked over its shoulder fearfully. "I hear <u>a</u> rattle of chariots                           | (2)                          |
| 5. and <u>the</u> thunder of pounding hooves. I'll be crushed to death if I don't hurry                              | (1)                          |
| 6. and get out of way. I don't want to exchange my happy life for <u>the</u> death."                                 | (1)                          |
| 7. Vyasa said, "What happiness can you know as <u>a</u> worm? What do you know                                       | (1)                          |
| 8. of <u>the</u> joys of taste and touch and smell and sight, or <u>the</u> joy of knowledge or pleasure of dreams?" | (3)                          |
| 9. I would imagine that <u>the</u> death would hold more happiness for creature like you                             | (1)                          |
| 10. than your life as <u>the</u> miserable worm."  | (1)                          |
| 11. <u>The</u> Worm looked pityingly at <u>the</u> sage. "And you are supposed to be wise," it murmured.             | (2)                          |
| 12. "O Sage, I enjoy my life as <u>a</u> worm. I enjoy <u>the</u> things you don't and you enjoy things              | (2)                          |



However, we say: *The oranges are sweet.*  
*We went to a sanctuary to see the tigers there.*

- ◆ the names of meals, when these names are referred to in a general way.  
*When are we going out for lunch?*  
*We had dosa for breakfast.*

However, we say: *I enjoyed the lunch at your place yesterday.*

- ◆ the names of languages.  
*Japanese is difficult to learn.*  
*The Misras speak Odia at home.*

However, we say: *The English spoken in India is slightly different from that spoken in the West Indies.*

- ◆ names of games.  
*Uma plays badminton very well.*  
*Hockey is a game which requires great stamina.*

However, we say: *play the piano, play the tabla, play the guitar*

- ◆ names of relatives  
*Mother has just come home from work.*  
*Father called to say that he would be late.*

- ◆ school, college, church, bed, table, hospital, market, prison, when these places are visited for their primary purposes.  
*We learn good manners at school.*  
*Mukul refuses to get out of bed.*

However, we use **the** when we refer to them as definite places or objects.  
*The school will be closed during summer.*  
*The shoes have been polished.*

- ◆ phrases related to travel such as by land, by sea and by air.  
*Seema is going to Kolkata by air.*  
*Mr Sood will be travelling by bus.*

- ◆ phrases such as all day and all night.  
*Ajay studied all day.*  
*It has rained all night.*

However, we say **in the morning, in the afternoon.**  
*The farmer feeds the chicks in the morning.*

**GRAMMAR IN CONVERSATION**  
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY

What would you say in these situations?

1. Your mother has just come back from work. She looks very tired.

YOU: *Would you like a glass of water?*

2. You want to play football with your friend.

YOU: Are you interested *in football?*

Check your report. Have you used articles correctly?

Work with your partner. Check each other's reports. Circle the articles that you feel have not been used correctly in your partner's report.

MORE PRACTICE

H. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the. Put a X where an article is not needed.

1. Shane Warne is an Australian cricketer. He plays for the Rajasthan Royals in X IPL.
2. Have you ever seen a yellow bird? I saw one today. It had a blue beak.
3. I want to become an IAS officer like my mother when I grow up.
4. I want an efficient guide to help me to see X Jaipur. Where will I get one?
5. Is X bread made of X wheat? Well, that's what the packing says.
6. The Andamans are the group of X islands in the Bay of Bengal.
7. Last evening Nilofer went to a hospital to visit the sick friend.
8. Meeta is a chef at The Metropolitan and her sister is an air hostess with the Air India.
9. The last question in X social studies test was the easiest of all.
10. I would like to learn X hip-hop. Do you know of a good instructor?
11. The Shatabdi Express is a comfortable train. I often travel by it.
12. The Ganga, the Saraswati and the Yamuna meet at the Triveni Sangam in X Allahabad.
13. Talc is one of the softest minerals in the world.
14. I like playing X badminton with my friends but I am not X very good at it.
15. When was the television invented? I don't know the year but I do know the name of the inventor - X J L Baird.

Did you know?

ANSWERS

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1. Stuck! 2. \_\_\_\_\_ postage stamp! 3. \_\_\_\_\_ billionaire.

4. Time to get \_\_\_\_\_ new fence. 5. \_\_\_\_\_ fungi (\_\_\_\_\_ fun-g)

Fill in the articles.

## **Portion for English**

**MCB- ch-1( The coming of Pollyanna)**

**Olympic Granny**

**Grammar- ch-1(sentences)**

**Ch-2(nouns)**

**Writing- Diary entry.**



I don't. Just because I don't like things you like, it doesn't mean I'm not happy or that my life is meaningless.

13. My life means <sup>a</sup> lot to me!"

14. <sup>The</sup> Sage bowed humbly. <sup>The</sup> Worm had proved wiser!

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3. You want to learn French. You are at the Alliance Francaise.

YOU: I would like to learn French Is there an evening course?

4. Your mother asks you if you would like to go to Shimla by train or by car.

YOU: I would prefer to travel by train.

5. Your father asks you what you would like for breakfast.

YOU: I would like some bread and boiled eggs.

6. You need a picture of Lala Lajpat Rai for your project. You would like to use the Internet. You ask your mother's permission to use her laptop.

YOU: I want some pictures of Lala Lajpat Rai May I use your laptop?

G. These sentences about Bannerghatta National Park have been written by Kokila as part of her English assignment. She has not used the articles correctly. Edit the sentences. There may be more than one error in a sentence.