

A2 LEVEL EXAM | #18

Articles — A, An, The, Zero Article

When do we use a, an, the — or no article at all?

 30 Questions 45 Minutes A2 Level

Instructions: Choose the best answer. "—" means no article.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 30

1. I saw ___ elephant at the zoo.

- A) a
- B) the
- C) an
- D) — (no article)

2. She is ___ teacher.

- A) a
- B) an
- C) the
- D) — (no article)

3. ___ sun is very bright today.

- A) A
- B) An
- C) — (no article)
- D) The

4. I usually have ___ breakfast at 8.

- A) a
- B) an
- C) the
- D) — (no article)

5. Can you close ___ door, please?

- A) a
 - B) the
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
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6. He plays ___ guitar very well.

- A) the
 - B) a
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
-

7. She ate ___ apple for lunch.

- A) a
 - B) the
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
-

8. I love ___ chocolate.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
-

9. He is ___ honest man.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
-

10. We live in ___ small village.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
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11. ___ water in this bottle is cold.

- A) A
 - B) The
 - C) An
 - D) — (no article)
-

12. She goes to ___ school by bus.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
-

13. I bought ___ new car last week.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
-

14. ___ children in my class are friendly.

- A) A
 - B) An
 - C) The
 - D) — (no article)
-

15. He wants to be ___ engineer.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
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16. I don't like ___ spiders.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
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17. We had ___ great time at the party.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
-

18. ___ Mount Everest is the highest.

- A) A
 - B) An
 - C) The
 - D) — (no article)
-

19. She is ___ best student in class.

- A) a
 - B) the
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
-

20. I need ___ information about trains.

- A) an
 - B) a
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
-

21. He went to ___ hospital to visit.

- A) the
 - B) a
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
-

22. ___ English is spoken worldwide.

- A) A
 - B) An
 - C) The
 - D) — (no article)
-

23. She plays ___ tennis on Saturdays.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) — (no article)
 - D) the
-

24. I read ___ interesting book.

- A) a
 - B) an
 - C) the
 - D) — (no article)
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25. We visited ___ Louvre in Paris.

- A) a
 - B) the
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
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26. ___ life is beautiful.

- A) A
 - B) An
 - C) The
 - D) — (no article)
-

27. Pass me ___ salt, please.

- A) the
 - B) a
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
-

28. She has ___ uncle in Canada.

- A) a
 - B) the
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
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29. ___ Netherlands is a small country.

- A) A
 - B) An
 - C) The
 - D) — (no article)
-

30. He is ___ only child.

- A) a
 - B) the
 - C) an
 - D) — (no article)
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Answer Key

1. C	2. A	3. D	4. D	5. B	6. A	7. C	8. D	9. B	10. A
11. B	12. D	13. A	14. C	15. B	16. D	17. A	18. D	19. B	20. D
21. A	22. D	23. C	24. B	25. B	26. D	27. A	28. C	29. C	30. B

Detailed Explanations

1. I saw ___ elephant at the zoo. → **C) an**

'An' before vowel sounds: an elephant.

2. She is ___ teacher. → **A) a**

'A' before consonant sounds for jobs.

3. ___ sun is very bright today. → **D) The**

'The' for unique things.

4. I usually have ___ breakfast at 8. → **D) — (no article)**

Zero article with meals.

5. Can you close ___ door, please? → **B) the**

'The' when both know which one.

6. He plays ___ guitar very well. → **A) the**

'The' with musical instruments.

7. She ate ___ apple for lunch. → **C) an**

'An' before vowel sounds.

8. I love ___ chocolate. → **D) — (no article)**

Zero article with uncountable in general.

9. He is ___ honest man. → **B) an**

'An' before silent h.

10. We live in ___ small village. → **A) a**

'A' for first mention.

11. ___ water in this bottle is cold. → **B) The**

'The' for specific water.

12. She goes to ___ school by bus. → **D) — (no article)**

Zero article with school (purpose).

13. I bought ___ new car last week. → **A) a**
'A' for first mention.
-
14. ___ children in my class are friendly. → **C) The**
'The' for specific children.
-
15. He wants to be ___ engineer. → **B) an**
'An' before vowel sound.
-
16. I don't like ___ spiders. → **D) — (no article)**
Zero article for general plurals.
-
17. We had ___ great time at the party. → **A) a**
'A' with singular countable.
-
18. ___ Mount Everest is the highest. → **D) — (no article)**
Zero article with mountain names.
-
19. She is ___ best student in class. → **B) the**
'The' with superlatives.
-
20. I need ___ information about trains. → **D) — (no article)**
Zero article, uncountable.
-
21. He went to ___ hospital to visit. → **A) the**
'The' because visiting, not patient.
-
22. ___ English is spoken worldwide. → **D) — (no article)**
Zero article with languages.
-
23. She plays ___ tennis on Saturdays. → **C) — (no article)**
Zero article with sports.
-
24. I read ___ interesting book. → **B) an**
'An' before vowel sound.
-
25. We visited ___ Louvre in Paris. → **B) the**
'The' with museums.
-
26. ___ life is beautiful. → **D) — (no article)**
Zero article, abstract concept.
-
27. Pass me ___ salt, please. → **A) the**
'The' for specific thing on table.
-
28. She has ___ uncle in Canada. → **C) an**
'An' before vowel sound.
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29. ___ Netherlands is a small country. → **C) The**

'The' with plural country names.

30. He is ___ only child. → **B) the**

'The' with 'only'.
