



Online Emergency Eng Class/Activity – 5

Articles

Class 8, March 30, 2020

1. Complete each idiomatic expression with **a, an, the,** or **NO ARTICLE** (if the phrase doesn't require one):

- That test was a piece of _____ cake. (= very easy)
- My plans are still up in _____ air. (= uncertain, not set)
- He was going to ask her for her number, but then he got _____ cold feet. (= didn't do it because he got scared, intimidated, etc.)
- Stop beating around _____ bush. = Be direct.
- Sometimes you just have to go with _____ flow. (= to accept things the way they are)
- The game will be played, _____ rain or _____ shine.
- They gave me _____ runaround for two weeks before they finally approved by application.
- He seems to be in _____ bind. (= in a difficult situation)
- I'd go to the movies with you, but I'm a little short on _____ cash.
- She couldn't keep _____ straight face (= she couldn't stop herself from laughing) listening to him.

2. Complete the following sentences with correct articles. Put cross (X) mark if no article is needed.

- _____ chair you are sitting on is not very comfortable.
- There is _____ pencil on the desk.
- _____ fish is very high in protein.
- _____ dogs and _____ cats are popular pets.
- _____ medicine that you gave me really helped my cough.
- _____ igloo is _____ house made of _____ ice.
- He wants to buy _____ warm winter coat.
- _____ children next door got dressed up last night.
- _____ coffee isn't very good for you.
- She had _____ accident.

3. Complete the following sentences with correct articles. Put cross (X) mark if no article is needed. Note that street names do not take articles.

On October 12, Jim Parks, _____ (a) Douglas College student, had _____ (b) motorcycle accident near _____ (c) corner of 8th Avenue and Queens Street. At 3:00 p.m., he was driving down Queens Street by himself in _____ (d) heavy rain. At _____ (e) 8th Avenue intersection with Queens Street, his motorcycle suddenly skidded on _____ (f) wet pavement. First, he hit _____ (g) car that was parked there. Then he knocked over two pedestrians, Gary and Tamara Smith, who were walking on _____ (h) sidewalk. At 3:04, _____ (i) officers from the New Westminster Police Department arrived. Jim Parks reported that he and Gary Smith were not injured, but Tamara told _____ (j) officers that her arm hurt. _____ (k) police took Tamara to the Royal Columbian Hospital for _____ (l) examination. Mr. Parks' motorcycle was dented, but he was able to drive home.



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Answer Key:

| 1. | 2. | 3. |
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| a. NO ARTICLE | a. The | a. a |
| b. the | b. a | b. a |
| c. NO ARTICLE | c. X | c. the |
| d. the | d. X, X | d. X |
| e. the | e. The | e. the |
| f. NO ARTICLE, NO ARTICLE | f. An, a, X | f. the |
| g. the | g. a | g. a |
| h. a | h. The | h. the |
| i. NO ARTICLE | i. X | i. X |
| j. a | j. an | j. the |
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