ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Articles A, An, The MCQ Grammar Quiz – Test – Exercise 1

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Explanations

1. When can you usually see _____ moon, in the morning or at night?
✔ **C) the**
There is only one moon, so we use **the**: **the moon**, **the sun**.

2. I saw _____ very bright star in the sky a few nights ago.
✔ **C) a**
We talk about one star for the first time, and **very** starts with a consonant sound, so we use **a**: **a very bright star**.

3. I forgot to bring my pen. Do you have _____ pen I could borrow?
✔ **B) a**
Any pen is fine, not a special one, so we use **a**: **a pen**.

4. I have a new car. _____ car is red.
✔ **B) The**
The car was already mentioned in the first sentence, so now we say **the car**.

5. What is _____ capital city of Australia? Is it Sydney or Canberra?
✔ **A) the**
A country has only one capital city, so we use **the**: **the capital city of Australia**.

6. For breakfast I usually have _____ egg, toast, and some coffee.
✔ **B) an**
Egg starts with a vowel sound, so we use **an**: **an egg**. Not **a**, because **a** goes before consonant sounds.

7. I have _____ two younger brothers and an older sister.
✔ **A) Ø**
We don't use **a** or **an** with numbers like **two**: **I have two brothers**.

8. My mother saw a nice dress in a store. She decided to buy _____ dress.
✔ **C) the**
We already know which dress: the nice dress she saw. So we use **the dress**.

9. What is _____ first month of the year? Is it January or February?
✔ **C) the**
We use **the** with **first**, **second**, **last**, etc.: **the first month**.

10. I saw _____ old man walking in the park.
✔ **C) an**
Old starts with a vowel sound, so we use **an**: **an old man**.

11. My brother always exercises for _____ hour in the morning.
✔ **B) an**
The **h** in **hour** is silent, so the word starts with a vowel sound: **an hour**. Not **a**, because we don't hear the **h**.

12. I drank _____ cup of coffee but the coffee was cold.
✔ **A) a**
We mean one cup, and **cup** starts with a consonant sound, so we use **a**: **a cup of coffee**.

13. Help! Somebody, please call _____ policeman!
✔ **B) a**
Any policeman can help, not a special one, so we use **a**: **call a policeman**.

14. Last summer, my friends and I travelled to _____ Spain.
✔ **A) Ø**
Most country names have no article: **Spain**, **France**, **India**.

15. My little brother drew a picture of a chicken, a cow, and _____ horse.
✔ **B) a**
It is one horse that we have not mentioned before, so we use **a**, like **a chicken** and **a cow**.

16. _____ Amazon Rain Forest is located in South America.
✔ **C) The**
We use **the** with the names of big forests, rivers and seas: **the Amazon Rain Forest**, **the Nile**.

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