Definite, Indefinite, or No Article?
Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

A. Complete the sentences below, writing 'DA' for Definite Article (*the*), 'IA' for Indefinite Article (*a/an*), or 'NA' for No Article.

1. We use the _____ when mentioning things for the first time, or with things we are unfamiliar with.

2. We use the _____ with things we have mentioned before, and with things we are familiar with.

3. When talking about things in general we usually use _____.

4. When we say what something is, or what someone does, e.g., '*He's a chef*', we use the _____.

5. With superlatives and ordinal numbers, we usually use the _____.

6. With exclamations starting with *What,* and expressions like *twice a week,* we use the _____.

7. With things that are unique, and often with instruments, e.g. '*I play the piano.*', we use the _____.

8. With named oceans, seas, rivers, deserts, and mountain ranges, we use the _____.

9. With most countries, cities, continents, and planets, we use _____.

10. When a country's name is plural, or has the words *Kingdom*, or *Republic* in it, we use the _____.

B. Read the paragraph below and circle the correct choices.

My uncle is (1) *a / an / the / --* famous pianist. He travels all around (2) *a / an / the / --* world, playing in concerts with his orchestra. He also plays (3) *a / an / the / --* guitar in his free time and has released several solo albums. I don't see him very often because he lives in (4) *a / an / the / --* Canada. His wife is American, though, so he spends a lot of time in (5) *a / an / the / --* USA too. They even have (6) *a / an / the / --* house in California, overlooking (7) *a / an / the / --* Pacific Ocean. He is coming to visit us here in (8) *a / an / the / --* England (9) *a / an / the / --* next summer. I can't wait to see him. He is one of (10*) a / an / the / --* kindest people I know, and we always have a great time together.

C. Complete the sentences below using 'a', 'an', 'the', or '--'. (-- = No Article)

1. My aunt lives in _____ New York. She lives on _____ third floor of _____ old building in _____ SoHo.

2. Although I am afraid of _____ dogs, I don't mind _____ dog next door. He is _____ friendly puppy.

3. I don't like _____ beer, but I love _____ wine. I drank _____ whole bottle _____ last night!

4. What ____ beautiful day! Shall we go to _____ park and have _____ picnic?

5. Jim's cousin lives in _____ Netherlands, so he only sees him _____ few times _____ year.

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D. Match the beginnings of the geographical "facts" below with the correct endings, then fill in the gaps using either 'the' or '--'.

1. _____ Nile is _____ longest ......

2. _____ Sahara Desert is _____ world's ......

3. _____ capital of _____ Australia ......

4. _____ Mt Kilimanjaro ......

5. _____ Algeria is ......

6. _____ country which produces ......

7. _____ continent with _____ most ......

8. _____ Pacific Ocean is ......

9. _____ Mount Everest is part of ......

10. _____ saltiest sea in _____ world ......

a. countries in it is _____ Europe.

b. is _____ highest mountain in _____ Asia.

c. bigger than _____ Atlantic.

d. is _____ Mediterranean.

e. the _____ Himalayas.

f. river in _____ world.

g. _____ most coffee is _____ Brazil.

h. driest desert.

i. _____ largest country in _____ Africa.

j. is _____ Sydney.

Talk with your partner and decide which of the above "facts" are true and which ones are false and write 'true' or 'false' in the spaces below.

1. _____   2. _____   3. _____   4. _____   5. _____

6. _____   7. _____   8. _____   9. _____   10. _____

E. Work with your partner and try and come up with some geographical "facts" of your own, some of which are true, some of which are not true. Write your facts below, paying careful attention to the use of Articles.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

Once you've completed your sentences, find another partner, and read them your "facts". See if they can guess which ones are true and which ones are false.