

I Articles: a/an

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1. My neighbour is photographer; let's ask him for advice about colour films.
2. We had ... fish and chips for lunch, That doesn't sound....., very interesting lunch.
3. He said, 'Goodnight,' but I had very bad night; I didn't sleep wink, He is ... vegetarian; you won't get....., meat at his house. He'll give you nut cutlet.
4. Last time I had nut cutlet I had .
5. indigestion..... travel agent would give you information about ... hotels.
6. We'd better go by taxi - if we can get taxi at such hour **as 2 a.m.**
7. *person* who suffers from ... claustrophobia has..... dread of being confined in small space, and would always prefer stairs to lift.
8. Do you take sugar in..... coffee?
I used to, but now I'm on diet. I'm trying to lose weight.
9. man suffering from..... shock should be given..... hot sweet tea.
10. You'll get....., shock if you touch live wire with that screw~ driver. Why don't you get., screwdriver with., insulated handle?
11. It costs fifty and halfpence and I've only get fifty-pence piece, You can pay by cheque here. Write them cheque for fifty and half pence.
12. Mr. Smith is ... old customer and....., honest man. Why do you say that? Has he been accused of... dishonesty?
13. I'm not wage-earner; I'm self-employed man. I have business of my own·
Then you're not worker; you're capitalist!
14. When he was charged with murder he said he had alibi.
15. friend of mine is expecting baby. If it's girl she's going to be called Etheldreda. What name to give girl.
16. I have hour and half for lunch.
I only have half hour--barely..... , time for smoke and cup of coffee,
17. I hope you have lovely time and good weather.
But I'm not going for holiday; I'm going on business.
18. He looked at me with horror when I explained *that I was*
doubl agent.

19. I wouldn't climb mountain for £ I, 000! I have horror of heights.
20. I have headache and sore throat. I think I've got cold. I think you're getting flu.
21. Mr. Jones called while you were out (*neither of us knows this man*). He wants to make complaint about article in the paper. He was in very bad temper.
22. If you go by train you can have quite comfortable journey, but make sure you get express, not train that stops at all the stations.
23. few people know (*hardly anyone knows*) that there is secret passage from this house to old smugglers' cave in the cliffs.
24. I'm having few friends in to coffee tomorrow evening. Would you like to come?
I'd love to, but I'm afraid I'm going to..... concert.
25. It's time you had holiday. You haven't had day off for..... month.
26. He broke leg in skiing accident. It's still in plaster.
27. I want assistant with knowledge of French and experience of..... office routine.
28. I see that your house is built of..... wood. Are you insured against fire?
29. The escaping prisoner camped in wood but he didn't light fire because .. smoke rising from the wood might attract attention.
30. I had amazing experience last night. I saw dinosaur eating meat pie in London park.
You mean you had nightmare. Anyway, dinosaurs didn't *eat meat.
31. I'll pay you thousand..... year. It's not enormous salary but after all you are completely unskilled man.
32. If you kept graph you could see at..... glance whether you were making profit or loss.
33. little is known about the effects of this drug; yet..... chemist will sell it to you without prescription.
34. I have little money left; let's have dinner in..... restaurant.
35. Would it be ... trouble to you to buy me ... newspaper on your way home?
36. ... man is born unto ... trouble as ... sparks fly upwards.

2 Articles: the

Insert the if necessary.

1. youngest boy has just started going to school; eldest boy is at college.
2. She lives on top floor of an old house. When wind blows, all windows rattle.
3. darkness doesn't worry eats; cats can see in dark.
4. modern boys usually say that they went to be spacemen, but most of them will probably end up in less dramatic jobs.
5. Do you know time? yes clock in hall has just struck nine
Then it isn't..... time to go yet.
6. He was sent to prison for..... six months for sbop-lifting.
When..... six months are over he'll be released; difficulty then will be to find..... work.
Do you go to prison to visit him?
7. I went to..... school to talk to..... headmaster. I persuaded him to let Ann give up ... gymnastics and take piano lessons instead.
8. gymnastics are not necessary for girls; it is much more useful m be able to play piano.
9. I am on..... night duty. When you go to bed, I go to work.
10. Peter's at office but you could get him on phone. There's a telephone box just round corner.
11. He got bronchitis and was taken to hospital. I expect **they'll send him home at end of week.** Have you rung hospital to ask how he is?
12. Ann's habit of riding a motorcycle up and down road early in morning annoyed neighbours and in end they took her to.....
..... court.
13. He first went to sea in a Swedish ships so as well as learning navigation he had to learn Swedish.
14. 'family hotels' are hotels which welcome parents and children.
15. **On Sundays my father stays in bed till ten o'clock,** reading Sunday papers.
16. Then he gets up, puts on old clothes, has breakfast and starts work in garden.
17. My mother goes to church in morning, and in afternoon goes to visit friends.
18. Like all women, she loves tea parties and..... gossip.
19. My parents have cold meat and salad for supper, winter and summer.
20. During... meal he gives her ... instructions about . . . garden and she tells him ... village gossip.

21. We have a very good train service from here to ... city centre and most people go to ... work by train. You can go by ... bus too, of courses but you can't get a season ticket on bus.
22. dead no longer need..... help. We must concern ourselves with living. We must build houses and schools and playgrounds.
23. I'd like to see Mr. Smith, please.
Do you mean Mr. Smith who works in box office or Mr Smith, the stage manager?
24. Did you come by air?
No, I came by sea. I had a lovely voyage on Queen Elizabeth II.
- 25..... most of stories that people tell about Irish aren't true.
- 26..... married couples with children often rent cottages by seaside for summer holidays.
..... men hire boats and go for trips along coast; children spend day on beach and poor mothers spend most of..... time doing cooking and cleaning.
- 27.It's usually safe to walk on sand, but here, when..... tide is coming in, sand becomes dangerously soft people have been swallowed up by it.
- 28.When Titanic was crossing Atlantic she struck an iceberg which tore a huge hole in her bow captain ordered crew to help..... passengers into..... boats.
- 29.Everywhere man has cut down forests in order to cultivate ground, or to use wood as fuel or as..... building material.

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1. There was knock on door. I opened it and found small dark man in check overcoat and soft hat.
2. He said he was employee of gas company and had come to read..... meter.
3. But I had. suspicion that he wasn't speaking truth because meter readers usually wear peaked caps.
4. However, I took him to meter, which is in dark corner under stairs (..... meters are usually in dark corners under stairs).
5. I asked if he had torch; he said he disliked torches and always read meters by light of match.
6. I remarked that if there was leak in gas pipe there might

- be..... explosion while he was reading meter.
7. He said, 'As matter of..... fact there was explosion in last house I visited; and Mr. Smith, owner of..... house, was burnt in face.'
 8. Mr. Smith was holding lighted match at time of explosion.'
 9. To prevent possible repetition of this accident, I lent h/m torch.
 10. He switched on..... torch, read meter and wrote reading down on back of..... envelope.
 11. I said in surprise that meter readers usually put .i. readings down in book.
 12. He said that he had had book but that it had been burnt in fire in Mr. Smith's house.
 13. By this time I had come m *conclusion* that he wasn't genuine meter reader; and ... moment he left..... house I rang ... police,
 14. Were John and Mary..... cousins?
No, they weren't cousins; they were brother and sister.
 15. fog was so thick that we couldn't see side of..... road. We followed car in front of us and hoped that we were going right way.
 16. I can't remember exact date of..... storm, but I know it was Sunday because everybody was at..... church. On Monday..... post didn't come because roads were blocked by fallen trees.
 17. Peter thinks that this is quite..... cheap restaurant.
 18. There's been murder here. Where's body? There isn't body. Then how do you know there's been murder.
 19. Number hundred and two, house next door to us, is for sale. It's quite nice house with big rooms back windows look out on..... park.
 20. I don't know what price owners are asking. But Dry and Roi are agents. You could give them ring and make them. Offer,
 21. *postman's* little boy says that he'd rather be dentist than doctor, because dentists don't get called out at nights.
 22. Just as air hostess (there was only one on plane) was handing me cup of..... coffee plane gave lurch and coffee went all over..... person on other side of gangway.
 23. There was collision between car and cyclist at crossroads near my house early in morning cyclist was taken to hospital with concussion driver of.....