

### Activity Type

Grammar Game: gap-fill, guessing (pair work)

### Focus

Articles: a, an, the

### Aim

To practice completing sentences with the articles: a, an and the.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

### Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

In this articles game, students practice using 'a', 'an' and 'the' as they work with a partner to complete everyday sentences.

### Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

In pairs, students take turns reading a sentence to their partner, using the word 'blank' for the words in bold, e.g. 'I put my coffee cup on **BLANK**.'

Their partner then chooses a word from the box on their worksheet and says it with a suitable article (a, an or the), e.g. the table.

If their partner says the correct article and word, the student scores them one point.

The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.

### Student A

Take turns reading a sentence to your partner using the word 'blank' for the words in bold. Your partner says the correct article and word. Score one point for a correct answer.

| Sentences                                                                 | Points |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. I put my coffee cup on <b>the table</b> .                              |        |
| 2. For breakfast, I had <b>a cup</b> of coffee and some toast.            |        |
| 3. Can you go to <b>the fridge</b> and get some ice?                      |        |
| 4. We are going to buy <b>a chocolate</b> cake for Jose's birthday party. |        |
| 5. We are going to meet at <b>the cinema</b> at one o'clock.              |        |
| 6. I walked into the room and turned on <b>the light</b> .                |        |
| 7. In the UK, you can drive <b>a car</b> at 17.                           |        |
| 8. I went to the market and bought <b>an orange</b> and some bananas.     |        |
| 9. I had <b>a glass</b> of water with my lunch.                           |        |
| 10. Bali is <b>an island</b> in Indonesia.                                |        |
| 11. What is <b>the answer</b> to the maths problem?                       |        |
| 12. Mike got <b>the first</b> question right.                             |        |

Complete each of your partner's sentences by saying a suitable article (a, an, or the) and a word from the box.

|          |         |           |       |          |        |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|
| new      | summer  | motorbike | first | sandwich | photo  |
| elephant | English | kitchen   | menu  | teacher  | rabbit |

### Student B

Take turns reading a sentence to your partner using the word 'blank' for the words in bold. Your partner says the correct article and word. Score one point for a correct answer.

| Sentences                                                             | Points |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. I was hungry. I made <b>a sandwich</b> .                           |        |
| 2. I learned to ride <b>a motorbike</b> at 20.                        |        |
| 3. I went to the zoo and saw <b>an elephant</b> .                     |        |
| 4. I went into <b>the kitchen</b> and made a cup of tea.              |        |
| 5. She got <b>a new</b> bike for her birthday.                        |        |
| 6. I asked the waiter for <b>the menu</b> .                           |        |
| 7. Sam was <b>the first</b> student in class.                         |        |
| 8. My mother is <b>an English</b> teacher.                            |        |
| 9. <b>The teacher</b> wrote our names on the board.                   |        |
| 10. This is <b>a photo</b> of me and my friends at the beach.         |        |
| 11. I love animals. I have <b>a rabbit</b> , two cats and three dogs. |        |
| 12. We always go to the beach in <b>the summer</b> .                  |        |

Complete each of your partner's sentences by saying a suitable article (a, an, or the) and a word from the box.

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|-----|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|
| car | light  | cinema | fridge | island    | first |
| cup | answer | orange | table  | chocolate | glass |