



Definite and Indefinite Articles in English ¹

Practice 1

Instructions. Based on [this lesson about definite and indefinite articles](#), fill in the blanks with the indefinite article (a, an) or definite article (the) to complete the blank. If no article is needed, write “x” in the blank.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

1. I like bananas, but I prefer _____ apples.
2. Joe: – I have _____ apple and _____ banana.
Jackie: – I’ll have _____ apple, please.
3. Is _____ tea a popular beverage in your country?
4. Jim: – Here is my blue jacket... and my black jacket.
Paula: – They’re both very nice, but I prefer _____ black one.
5. Carlos lives in _____ United States.
6. _____ Uruguay is _____ small country in _____ South America.
7. I usually love _____ cats, but I don’t like _____ neighbor’s cat. It’s very unfriendly.
8. (*on the phone*)
– How is _____ party?
– It’s okay. _____ people are nice, but _____ food and drinks are terrible.

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9. (*before dinner*)

– What's for dinner?

– We're having _____ soup.

(*during dinner*)

– How's _____ soup?

– It's delicious.

10. – Is that Jack's car?

– No, that's _____ John's car.



Answer Key

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Jackie: – I'll have **the** apple, please.
3. Is x tea a popular beverage in your country?
4. Jim: – Here is my blue jacket... and my black jacket.
Paula: – They're both very nice, but I prefer **the** black one.
5. Carlos lives in **the** United States.
6. x Uruguay is **a** small country in x South America.
7. I usually love x cats, but I don't like **the** neighbor's cat. It's very unfriendly.
8. *(on the phone)*
 - How is **the** party?
 - It's okay. **The** people are nice, but **the** food and drinks are terrible.
9. *(before dinner)*
 - What's for dinner?
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(during dinner)

 - How's **the** soup?
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