

#### 4) LINKING WORDS, PHRASES & ABBREVIATIONS

In each case, choose the most appropriate linking word, phrase or abbreviation from those marked (a) – (d).

1) The climate in Myanmar is cool and dry between December and January .....  
the Christmas holiday period is the best time for tourists to visit.

(a) Such as                      (b) Namely                      (c) In other words,                      (d) viz.

2) It is illegal for children, ..... anyone under sixteen years of age, to buy cigarettes.

(a) such as                      (b) i.e.                      (c) e.g.                      (d) and so on

3) You may have to work overtime during national holidays, Easter, Christmas, New Year .....

(a) viz.                      (b) for instance                      (c) e.g.                      (d) and so on

4) Windows 12 has many advantages over Windows 11. ...., it's a lot faster.

(a) i.e.                      (b) For example                      (c) Namely                      (d) Viz.

5) The Europass CV template is available in various languages, English, German, Spanish .....

(a) or rather                      (b) namely                      (c) for instance                      (d) etc.

6) Wedding rings are usually made of precious metals, ..... gold or platinum.

(a) such as                      (b) namely                      (c) i.e.                      (d) or rather

7) You may nominate your spouse, ..... your husband or wife, as your next of kin.

(a) that is to say                      (b) for example                      (c) namely                      (d) e.g.

8) Some fuels, ..... methane, are a lot cheaper than petrol or diesel.

(a) i.e.                      (b) e.g.                      (c) in other words                      (d) viz.

9) We are all in danger of losing our jobs, ....., everyone except the Chairman and the CEO.

(a) for example                      (b) i.e.                      (c) or rather                      (d) in other words

10) Bronze is an alloy made of two metals ..... copper and tin.

(a) viz.                      (b) e.g.                      (c) such as                      (d) in other words

Now, working in groups of two or three, put an appropriate word, phrase or abbreviation in sentences 11-15.

11) We accept all major currencies: dollars, pounds, euros, yen .....

12) Women should always cover their hair when they visit a mosque. ...., some kind of headscarf is compulsory.

13) The tour includes the major capital cities of South East Asia ..... Yangon, Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Vientiane, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Singapore, Hanoi and Nusantara.

14) This offer is for pensioners only, ..... anyone over 65 years old.

15) Euros are used to pay for goods and services all over Europe, ....., throughout the eurozone, which is not the same thing.

## **2) CLAIMS: The Conventional Order of Steps** (Harper 2006)

2a) Study this explanation of how to write a claim for compensation.

**Step 1: SALUTATION:** “Dear Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms Jones” “Dear Sir / Madam / Sir or Madam / Dear Sirs”

**Step 2: INTRODUCTION:** Situating the claim in time and/or place.

Claim for Compensation: Kali Travel’s ‘Moghul Adventure’ tour, January 2022

“Last week/month, I...” “On (date), I...”

**Step 3: CLAIM:** “On behalf of...”  
“...is preparing to make a claim for...”  
“...regarding...”  
“Our client has instructed us to sue... for...”

**Step 4: EXPOSITION:** Stating the main facts and all relevant information.

“My client’s holiday in.....X..... was a complete disaster. Firstly,... Secondly,... Thirdly,...”

“Your advertisement / brochure / representative stated that... In fact, ....”

“The goods which my clients ordered on....., and which arrived on....., were totally unsatisfactory.  
Firstly, ... Secondly..., Thirdly...”

“According to your letter of (date) / our contract of (date)... In fact, ...”

“Our client understood that, ..... In fact, ...”

**Step 5: JUSTIFICATION:** “In view of the above, ...”  
“For a product / holiday / service of this price, one would expect...”  
“It is unreasonable to expect...”  
“It is intolerable that...”  
“I feel that our client / your customers have been misled...”

**Step 6: REQUIREMENTS:** Explaining what you want the addressee to do.

“We would advise you to...”

“If you do not ..... within..x..days...., I will be forced to...”

“Unless you.... within..x..days...., we will be forced to...”

“Our client would therefore be grateful if you would...”

“Our client would be much obliged if you could...”

**Step 7: INVITATION TO FURTHER COMMUNICATION:** Inviting the addressee to contact you.

“In the meantime, I am available at the above address and telephone number.”

“I look forward to hearing from you.”

**Step 8: CONVENTIONAL ENDING:** “Yours faithfully / Yours sincerely”

**Step 9: IDENTIFICATION:** Your signature and name, clearly printed.

2b) Now read Letter 2 on the next page and indicate where **Steps 1-9** are in the text.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lq2voJPxFEk>

2) **Land of the Lost Official Trailer #2 - Will Ferrell Movie (2009) HD**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBPEr0csKCY>

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## 10) PRACTICE ACTIVITY 1

Percy Fawcett was so disappointed by his visit to the 'Triassic Park' event, that he wrote a letter of complaint to the organizers. Complete the text by adding the missing prepositions.

2 Junction Road  
Newport Pagnell  
Buckinghamshire NP1 J14  
UK

Dinosaur World  
Via Collodi, 21  
San Felice in Palude (MC)  
Italy

1 July 2025

Dear Sir or Madam

### Complaint .....1..... the 'Triassic Park' event at Dinosaur World

In June .....2..... this year, I took my young family to visit the 'Triassic Park' show .....3..... Dinosaur World .....4..... San Felice in Palude. I was .....5..... the impression that it would be a fun day out for adults and children alike but the result was extremely disappointing and very expensive indeed. ....6..... a result, I feel compelled to write this letter of complaint, not just for myself, but to prevent other well-meaning parents being misled .....7..... the same way.

To begin .....8....., the Dinosaur World car park was actually just a field and, since it had rained earlier in the day, I returned to find my car stuck in the mud and sinking fast. Luckily, it was a four-wheel drive vehicle, otherwise our family day out would have ended there. In addition, the car park was about a kilometre away .....9..... the 'Triassic World' site, which is too great a distance to expect children to walk. Moreover, the disappointment my sons experienced when they finally got there is reason enough .....10..... a full refund, in my opinion. Rupert, the youngest, complained loudly that none of the exhibits on display were dinosaurs at all but 'cross', which is a separate branch of the evolutionary tree. If an eight-year-old boy can tell that a Dimetrodon is not a dinosaur and an adult, like myself, is unable to find the dubiously-named 'Fasulosaurus' anywhere .....11..... the Internet, one wonders what to make of your claim that your exhibits have been 'recreated according .....12..... the latest scientific research'. They were, in any case, small cheap plastic replicas, which left my older child distinctly unimpressed, prompting a series of sarcastic remarks that made his younger brother cry. Furthermore, the prices you charge are not only grossly inflated, considering the poor-quality service you provide, but the 'families' discount .....13..... two adults and two children amounts to no discount at all.

To sum up, I paid €80 .....14..... the most disappointing afternoon of my life, which left the whole family tired, bored and bad-tempered. I would dearly like to prosecute Dinosaur World for gross misrepresentation under the Trade Descriptions Act, or its EU equivalent, but I will settle for a full refund and a suitably contrite apology.

I am available .....15..... the above address and telephone number and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

*Percy Fawcett*

Percy Fawcett

## 11) PRACTICE ACTIVITY 2

Complete Sauro Volpe's reply by adding the missing prepositions.

**DINO E SAURO WORLD  
VIA COLLODI, 21  
SAN FELICE IN PALUDE (MC)**

2 Junction Road  
Newport Pagnell  
Buckinghamshire NP1 J14

30 July 2025

Dear Mr Fawcett

Re: Your Complaint .....1..... the 'Triassic Park' Event, Last June

Thank you .....2..... your letter .....3..... July 1<sup>st</sup> expressing dissatisfaction .....4..... our world-famous Triassic Park show. On behalf .....5..... my business partner and I, let me assure you that we pride ourselves .....6..... giving all complaints of this kind the attention they deserve.

In your case, however, I feel they are completely unjustified. Firstly, the company you refer .....7..... as 'Dinosaur World' is, if you read our website carefully, 'Dino e Sauro World', named .....8..... its founders, Dino Gatto and Sauro Volpe. Secondly, our stated mission is to provide encounters with 'prehistoric creatures', a term which covers both crocs in general and the Dimetrodon, in particular, not dinosaurs, exclusively. Thirdly, the car park you describe is located .....9..... San Felice in Palude and since 'palude' means 'swamp' .....10..... Italian, we naturally assume that our guests are sufficiently forewarned .....11..... the potential hazards involved when visiting our premises. It is, after all, supposed to be an adventure. Thirdly, the bracing 1km walk .....12..... the principal site was conceived as a way .....13..... building the necessary suspense, which is an integral part of the 'Triassic Park' experience, providing valuable family time for parents and children to bond over what is sure to be a day-trip that none of you will ever forget.

I am sorry to hear that your visit did not come up to what might be considered artificially inflated expectations but, then, there is nothing in reality that can match a child's imagination.

In any case, a refund is .....14..... of the question and, as for an apology, it would be the first time we have ever considered one necessary. However, if you feel that your sons may be lacking a sense of wonder in their lives, I can thoroughly recommend San Felice in Palude's vibrant Christmas Market, including a truly remarkable Santa's Grotto, which is scheduled .....15..... December, when Dino e Sauro World is closed.

Yours sincerely

*Sauro Volpe*

Sauro Volpe

## **WRITING ACTIVITY**

Gunter Schadenfreude took his family to San Felice in Palude's Christmas Market in December. He was bitterly disappointed by the whole event, particularly Santa's Grotto. The day out cost him 400 euros and left his children in tears. He feels cheated. He wrote a letter of complaint to the organizers but they refused to accept any responsibility for his disastrous day out.

You are a solicitor with OMG Legal Services. Write a legal letter to the organizers claiming damages and asking for an apology, compensation and/or a refund. Apparently, Dino Gatto and Sauro Volpe have been involved in similar scams before.

#### 4) SPEAKING ACTIVITY

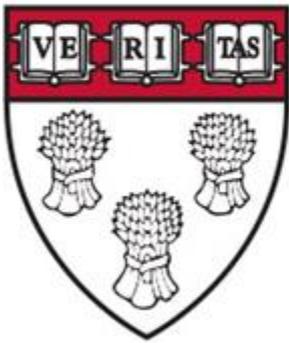
Look at the picture shown below.

- a) What could have happened?
- b) Who might be responsible?
- c) What should the householder do?



#### 5) WRITING ACTIVITY 2

You are Gregory Grinch of OMG Legal Services. Write a claim for compensation on behalf of Abigail Crabtree, the householder, to Furio Gonzales, the person who owns the car in the picture shown above.



# HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

## 1) READING COMPREHENSION

A Harvard Law student has filed a lawsuit against the university because tuition prices and fees have remained the same despite classes moving to remote learning due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

“I decided to sue Harvard because while they did make some effort ... the first semester we were online to mitigate things, they just have not lowered tuition fees,” Abraham Barkhordar, 23, told ABC News in an exclusive interview.

“They’ve actually suggested that to mitigate the difficulties of online learning that we rent office space as students,” said Barkhordar. “I just felt disrespected and unheard by the administration. And I think, as I’ve learned this year, the way to get justice in America is through the legal system.”

In March, during the height of the pandemic and in the middle of the semester, Barkhordar said he was forced to move out of his on-campus housing with very little notice. He decided to go home, which involved flying across the country and moving back in with his parents in California, where he said disruptions were commonplace since five people were living in one home.

Barkhordar said he felt like he was at a disadvantage. Since law school relies on participation, he said he had to wake up at 5 a.m. for class. And without the student spaces like the library and the study groups that usually come with a Harvard Law School education — in addition to the difficulty of learning online — he began to fall behind in class.

In May, he finished his first year of law school, 3,000 miles away from the library he said he had previously “lived in”.

The law school announced that classes will remain virtual while tuition fees will remain at \$65,875 – the same price as last year.

Last spring, most universities and colleges across the nation went remote as the novel Coronavirus swept across the nation. Classes were held over Zoom, many students moved back home and most tuition prices remained unchanged.

But by the end of the semester, more than 50 schools and universities faced legal complaints from students demanding that tuition or fees be refunded. Drexel University in Philadelphia, Columbia University in New York City, Michigan State, Vanderbilt, Brown, Berkeley and the University of Colorado are some of the schools facing these legal challenges. In each claim, the plaintiffs — the students — centre their argument around the fact that there was diminished value in an isolated, virtual education.

On Monday, Harvard University joined the list of schools to be sued by its own student, who is a named plaintiff.

## The Claims

The lawsuit alleges three claims against Harvard, the first being a **breach of contract**.

“Students signed up at the beginning of the semester, paid their tuition on the understanding that they would receive classes in person for the whole semester,” Barkhordar said. “That agreement wasn’t met. Classes went online halfway through, so that was a breach of contract.”

The second claim of the lawsuit is **unjust enrichment**.

“By exacting the same tuition and fees from these students under these strange circumstances where you’re paying reduced overheads ... ultimately, that unjustly enriches Harvard and other institutions like it because the students are paying for something that they are ultimately not getting,” Barkhordar told ABC News.

The third claim is **conversion**.

“They converted that money that was for tuition into a benefit for themselves without actually giving the benefit to the students,” Barkhordar said.

Barkhordar said he’s bringing the lawsuit against Harvard in the hope it becomes a class action lawsuit, saying he’s fully prepared and ready to represent his fellow classmates, which could be considered an injured class in court.

“Plaintiff and Class Members did not intend to attend an online educational institution, but instead enrolled in Defendant’s institution on an in-person basis,” the class action lawsuit complaint says, referring to Harvard University as the defendant. “The online learning option Defendant offers is subpar in practically every aspect. The remote learning option is in no way the equivalent of the in-person education putative Class Members were promised when they committed to attend Harvard.”

## 2) WRITING

You are Saul Goodman, Abraham Barkhordar’s lawyer. Write a formal letter to Harvard University making a claim for (i) breach of contract; (ii) unjust enrichment; and (iii) conversion, based on the information and arguments given in the article above.

## APPENDIX 6: ARTICLES (cf. Greenbaum & Quirk 1998: 70-92)

1) **FORM:** the zero article, the definite article 'the', the indefinite articles 'a' and 'an'. 'Some' is a quantifier.

### 2) PRONUNCIATION

'a' is pronounced as a schwa, /ə/. You put it before a consonant sound, e.g. a bank, a thing, a European.

'an' is pronounced /ən/ and is used before a vowel sound, e.g. an economist, an employee, an item, an hour.

'the' is pronounced /ðə/ before a consonant sound, e.g. the date, the time, the euro.

'the' is pronounced /ði/ before a vowel sound, e.g. the average, the end, the image, the honest employee.

### 3) READING ACTIVITY

Read this biography of the freelance photographer Stella Snapshot.



Stella Snapshot was born in Ussita, a small town in the Sibylline hills. She completed her Master's degree in Photography at the Central School of Art and Design in London and thereafter contributed regularly to the 'Daily Snitch', capturing a wide variety of celebrities at large, including some VIP's in embarrassing situations. Some critics have called her a 'paparazzo' but she prefers the term 'freelance photographer'.

"A paparazzo has no honour," she says. "He will sell his work to the highest bidder. The freelance photographer has a heart and always gives the subject the opportunity to buy the pictures first." Certainly, the candid shots she sold privately to Dirk Diggler, the singer in Alcoholics Unanimous, probably saved his marriage, if not his career — although the accusations of extortion which followed almost led to a criminal prosecution.

Since then, her work has taken her all over the world and has expanded to include some album cover art.

"Now that vinyl has returned," she says, "the cover gives you a 30cm by 30cm space to fill and the possibilities are endless. The scope offered by CD's is limited, in comparison."

Music, then, remains her first love although some genres interest her more than others.

“In a decade when the role of music in society is changing, I like to capture musicians who are swimming against the tide of technology and fashion. I go to concerts all the time and I can honestly say that the traditional approach to Jazz, the musicianship, the emotional honesty, the sense of art being created here and now, still captivates audiences night after night. Although some improvisation seems pointlessly introspective, the sound of true inspiration is unmistakable. My job is to document that moment visually.”

Stella Snapshot’s exhibition, ‘It Wasn’t Me !’, will take place at Sneaky Pete’s Gallery, Hull, from 10 June.

#### 4) ANALYSIS

Articles: ‘a’, ‘an’, ‘the’, ‘some’ and — (the zero article)

##### 4a) Rationale (cf. Greenbaum & Quirk 1998)

In English, articles may be used with singular countable nouns, plural countable nouns or uncountable nouns, depending on whether they indicate:

- i) Generic Reference — i.e. they denote people or things in general.
- ii) Specific Reference with an Indefinite Meaning — i.e. they refer to people or things as yet unidentified, usually because this is the first time the noun appears in the text.
- iii) Specific Reference with a Definite Meaning — i.e. identified. The reader knows exactly who or what is being referred to because it is unique, because it is defined or because it has been mentioned before.

Look at these examples in the Stella Snapshot text.

	<b>COUNTABLE NOUNS (singular)</b>	<b>COUNTABLE NOUNS (plural)</b>	<b>UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS</b>
<b>Generic Reference:</b> i.e. in general	<i>a paparazzo</i>  <i>the freelance photographer</i>	<i>embarrassing situations</i>  <i>concerts</i>  <i>audiences</i>	<i>(zero article) honour</i>  <i>(zero article) photography</i>  <i>(zero article) vinyl</i>
<b>Specific Reference:</b> (indefinite meaning) i.e. unidentified	<i>a small town</i>  <i>a criminal prosecution</i>	<i>(some) VIP's</i>  <i>(some) critics</i>	<i>(some) improvisation</i>  <i>(some) album cover art</i>
<b>Specific Reference:</b> (definite meaning) i.e. identified	<i>the highest bidder</i>  <i>the role of music in society</i>	<i>the pictures</i>  <i>the accusations of extortion</i>	<i>the musicianship</i>  <i>the emotional honesty</i>  <i>the scope</i>

#### 4b) SITUATIONAL REERENCE:

We use 'the' to refer to something within the **immediate situation**, such as 'the stairs', 'the kitchen', 'the teacher' or 'the cover', where the identity of the noun is obvious because there is usually only one in the situation we are describing (e.g. 'Please shut the door', 'She's in the garden', 'He parked the car', 'They've gone to the beach').

We also use 'the' to refer to something within the **larger situation**, such as 'the Pope', 'the moon' or 'the Prime Minister', where the identity of the noun is obvious because there is only one of its kind (e.g. 'The sun was rising over the sea', 'It seemed like the end of the world', 'The President left office', 'Long live the King!').

4c) Bearing in mind the overall rationale for the use of articles and/or situational reference regarding the immediate situation and the larger situation, complete this joke with 'a', 'an', 'the', 'some' or — (the zero article).

(1)..... Aussie, is (2)..... bloke who comes from Australia. (3)..... Aussies like drinking and they love (4)..... cold beer. This is the story of (5)..... Aussie who was working on (6)..... remote sheep farm with (7)..... other Aussies. As (8)..... sun went down, one of (9)..... Aussies was bitten by (10)..... snake, so (11)..... Aussie radioed (12)..... flying doctor to ask what he should do. "Get (13)..... beer inside him now or it'll be really painful," said (14)..... flying doctor. So (15)..... Aussie went into (16)..... kitchen, opened (17)..... fridge, took (18)..... only can of beer left, and ran into his mate's room. His mate sat up in bed and said, "What's the story, Bruce?". The Aussie opened (19)..... can, drank (20)..... beer and said, "I'm sorry, mate, it's going to be really painful."

### 5) EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE

#### 1. JOBS & OCCUPATIONS

We put 'a' / 'an' before the names of professions and occupations, e.g. 'She's a doctor', 'He's an accountant', 'John's a mechanic', 'Jane is an architect', 'Tracy's a baby-sitter'.

#### 2. RELIGIOUS FAITHS

We use 'a' / 'an' with the names of those who follow certain religions, e.g. 'He's a Catholic, she's a Protestant', 'Jane is a Buddhist', 'Mr Arifin is a Muslim', 'Mrs Patel is a Hindu'. (NB. If you use an adjective, e.g. 'He's Jewish', 'Farida is Muslim', 'Hilda is Christian', the article is unnecessary).

#### 3. NATIONALITIES

We put 'a' / 'an' before a noun indicating someone's nationality, 'George is an Englishman and Amy is an Englishwoman', 'He's an American', 'My boss is a Frenchwoman', 'He's a Spaniard', 'She's a German', 'Hamlet was a Dane'. (NB. If we use an adjective, e.g. 'Sonya is Danish', 'He's French', 'She's Spanish', 'Jim is Australian', 'Paola is Italian', the article is not used).

#### 4. RATES, PRICES, SPEEDS etc.

We use 'a' / 'an' to mean 'per', 'each' or 'every' when talking about rates, prices, speeds etc., e.g. 'The speed limit is thirty miles an hour', 'It costs fifty-two dollars a year', 'Grapes are four euros a kilo', 'A single room is fifty pounds a night', 'He smokes twenty cigarettes a day', 'She drinks five pints a night'.

#### 5. BUILDINGS, INSTITUTIONS & PLACES

5a.) We put 'the' before words like 'school', 'college', 'university', 'hospital', 'church', 'court', 'prison', 'market' etc. when we are referring to the building or the premises, e.g. 'To get to the new hospital, turn right after the church and the village school', 'The prison cost a lot of money to build', 'The county court is opposite the market'.

5b.) We do not put 'the' before words like 'school', 'college', 'university', 'hospital', 'church', 'court', 'market', 'prison', 'home', 'work' etc. when we refer to them as institutions or emphasize their use, e.g. 'First she went to school, then to college and now she attends university', 'My father is in hospital and my brother is in prison', 'I'll see you in court', 'I go to work at eight o'clock in the morning and I come back home at six o'clock in the evening' (NB. We can also say, 'I go to the office / shop / factory at eight o'clock in the morning').

5c.) If we say, 'He went to sea at the age of sixteen', it means that he worked there as a sailor. If we say, 'He went by the sea', it means that he went to the beach, probably to have fun and enjoy himself.

5d.) If we say, 'They went to bed', it means that they went to lie down, rest and/or sleep. 'They went to bed together', on the other hand, indicates that they had a sexual relationship. The definite article, e.g. 'The cat sat on the bed', refers to the bed as a piece of furniture, not its use, implying that the situation was temporary and that it was not the cat's bed.

#### 6.) EXPRESSIONS OF TIME

6a.) We do not usually put an article before years, e.g. 'in 2012', 'in 1973'.

6b.) We usually put an article before the names of seasons, e.g. 'in the spring', 'in the summer', 'in the autumn', 'in the winter' but it is also possible to omit the article, e.g. 'in winter', 'last summer', 'next autumn', 'this spring'.

6c.) We do not usually put an article before the names of months, e.g. 'In January', 'Last February', 'Next March', 'This December'.

6d.) We do not usually put an article before the names of festivals and Holy Days, e.g. 'In Lent', 'Last Christmas', 'Next Easter', 'On New Year's Eve', 'During Ramadan'.

6e.) We do not usually put an article before the names of days, e.g. 'This Tuesday', 'Next Wednesday', 'Last Thursday'.

6f.) We do not usually put an article before the names of meals, e.g. 'At breakfast', 'After lunch', 'Before dinner', 'During supper'.

6g.) We do not usually put an article before the names of certain parts of the day, e.g. 'At midday', 'At noon', 'Before midnight', 'At night'.

6h.) However, you must use an article in the following expressions, 'In the morning', 'In the afternoon', 'In the evening', 'During the night', and to indicate a particular year / season / month / festival / day / meal, e.g. 'The Maya believed that the world would end in the year 2012', 'The summer of 2024 was particularly long and hot', 'The August of 2023 was unusually dry', 'The best Christmas I can remember was when I was nine years old', 'He left his job on the Tuesday before last', 'I didn't like the dinner we were served during the flight'.

## 7) PEOPLE

7a.) We do not usually put an article before the names of people, e.g. 'Mr Smith has arrived', 'Ms Jones has just checked out', 'Judy called after Andrew had left'.

7b.) We put the article 'the' before the names of families or groups of people, e.g. 'The Simpsons', 'The Archers', 'The Arabs', 'The Highlanders', 'The Dayaks', 'The Eskimos'.

## 8) CONTINENTS

We do not put an article before the names of continents, e.g. 'I was born in Europe and I've been to Africa and Asia but I haven't visited Australia, America or Antarctica yet.'

## 9) COUNTRIES, STATES & NATIONS

9a.) We do not usually put an article before the name of a country or a state, e.g. 'I've lived in Germany and France but I would really like to work in Switzerland', 'Texas is bigger than Delaware', 'Holland and Zealand are part of the same country' (NB. 'The Vatican' and 'The Ukraine' are exceptions to this rule).

9b.) We put the article 'the' before the names of countries or groups of countries which contain a number of separate states, e.g. 'The United States of America' (50 states), 'The Netherlands' (7 states), 'The United Arab Emirates', 'The West Indies', 'The European Union', 'The CIS (Confederation of Independent States)'.

## 10) REGIONS

We do not usually put an article before the names of individual regions e.g. Tuscany, Lombardy, Umbria, Abruzzo, Yorkshire, Kent, Essex. (NB. 'The Marche' is an exception to this rule).

## 11) MOUNTAINS & LAKES

11a.) We do not usually put the article 'the' before the names of individual mountains or lakes, e.g. 'Mount Everest', 'K2', 'Lake Superior', 'Lake Geneva', 'Loch Ness'.

11b.) We put the article 'the' before the names of mountain chains or groups of lakes, e.g. 'The Andes', 'The Alps', 'The Apennines', 'The Dolomites', 'The Himalayas', 'The Great Lakes'.

## 12) RIVERS & CANALS

We put the article 'the' before the names of rivers and canals, e.g. 'The River Thames', 'The Nile', 'The Amazon', 'The Panama Canal', 'The Suez Canal', 'The Grand Canal'.

## 13) SEAS & OCEANS

We put the article 'the' before the names of seas and oceans, e.g. 'The Atlantic Ocean', 'The Pacific Ocean', 'The Indian Ocean', 'The Red Sea', 'The Mediterranean'.

## 14) VILLAGES, TOWNS & CITIES

We do not usually put the article 'the' before the names of villages, towns or cities, e.g. 'Stratford-upon-Avon is a beautiful little town', 'New York is a fascinating city', 'Singapore was originally a fishing village' (NB. The capital city of the Netherlands, 'The Hague', is an exception to this rule).

## 15) HOTELS, CINEMAS, THEATRES, MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

We usually put the article 'the' before the names of hotels, cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries, e.g. 'The Hilton Hotel', 'The Hotel Cosmopolitan', 'The Odeon Cinema', 'The Globe Theatre', 'The Imperial War Museum', 'The Tate Gallery'.

## 16) AIRPORTS & STATIONS

We do not usually put the article 'the' before the names of airports or stations, e.g. 'Heathrow Airport', 'Grand Central Station', 'Victoria Coach Station'.

## 17) SPORTS, GAMES & ACTIVITIES

We do not usually put the article 'the' before the names of sports, games and activities, e.g. 'He plays rugby', 'She hates football', 'Shall we play Scrabble?', 'Do you like skiing?'

## 18) MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

We usually put the article 'the' before the names of musical instruments, e.g. 'She plays the piano', 'He plays the violin', 'They can both play the guitar'.

## 19) EXPRESSIONS WITH 'OF'

We usually put the article 'the' in expressions with 'of', e.g. 'The University of London', 'The House of Representatives', 'The Prince of Wales', 'The Duchess of Cambridge', 'The cost of living', 'The rate of inflation', 'The level of unemployment', 'The north of England', 'The centre of town'.

## 20) ABSTRACT NOUNS

We do not usually put an article before the names of abstract qualities, such as 'honour', 'hope', 'knowledge', 'courage', 'equality', 'solidarity', 'discrimination', 'brotherhood', 'fairness' etc.

## 6) GRAMMAR EXERCISE

Now complete this profile of the photographer, Rocco Bellabarba, by filling in the gaps below with a, an, the, some, or — (the zero article).



Rocco Bellabarba is .....1..... Italian from .....2..... Monte Cavallo in .....3..... Marche. He qualified as .....4..... engineer at .....5..... University of Rotterdam in 2020, then left .....6..... Netherlands and began his professional life working for .....7..... oil and gas company based in .....7..... Novosibirsk in .....8..... CIS.

.....9..... Russian colleagues invited him on .....10..... cruise around .....11..... Lake Baikal, where he began taking .....12..... photographs of .....13..... eerie landscapes he encountered and .....14..... Buryat people who lived around .....15..... lake and on .....16..... Olkon island, where .....17..... shamanism is still the principal religion.

This cruise was .....18..... start of .....19..... completely new chapter in his life and, in his free time, he made sure he covered all .....20..... major sights in the area from .....21..... Ushkan islands to .....20..... Altai mountains.

“In Siberia, I went from being .....21..... enthusiastic amateur to .....22..... professional photographer thanks to the numerous opportunities that arose for reportage photography at every season of the year. Then, in 2021, I took .....22..... classic shot of .....23..... Buryat musician playing .....24..... traditional two-string fiddle at .....25..... wedding which won me .....26..... Royal Ethnographic Society’s Photo of .....27..... Year award. For me, that was .....28..... turning point. That was when I decided to give up my day job and try making a living from photography full time.”

His next destination is .....29..... Indian Ocean, starting with .....30..... Madagascar and .....31..... Comoro Islands. Day 1 will be spent in Madagascar’s capital city, .....32..... Antananarivo, followed by .....33..... road trip, driving east and then south via various nature reserves to .....34..... Ratti Canyon in .....35..... Isalo National Park in search of Madagascar’s unique flora and fauna. ....36.... journey will end at .....37..... beachside resort of Anakao, where he hopes to enjoy whale-watching, .....38..... sailing and .....39..... swimming for at least eight hours .....40..... day until his departure.

Fill the gaps below with a, an, the, some or – (zero article)

1) CAPTAIN CALAMITY !

Crossing ..... Atlantic Ocean single-handed is ..... challenge that should be attempted by only ..... greatest yachtsmen and women. In August 2010, ..... Mr Sebury left Newport in ..... South Wales in ..... five-metre boat specially equipped with ..... apple pie ..... cans of beer, and ..... road map showing ..... Welsh coast. His yacht got as far as ..... Scilly Islands before ..... engine failed. By now, he was totally lost and spent ..... night in ..... middle of ..... naval torpedo range. He was eventually rescued by ..... officers from ..... Royal Navy who found him vomiting into ..... water, shouting, "Take me home and sink ..... boat ! I'll never go to ..... sea again !"

2) Many years ago, ..... American pacifist, concerned by crime and violence, decided to sell his home in ..... Detroit in ..... United States and move to ..... quiet part of ..... world where ..... peace was guaranteed. After months of deliberation, he chose ..... remotest and safest spot in ..... South America. He moved to ..... Falkland Islands just five days before ..... Argentine army invaded.

3) Oxfam is ..... charity which has existed since ..... early 1940's. It was originally founded to help ..... starving children in ..... Greece but, since then, it has expanded and now funds projects on several continents, especially in ..... Africa. Oxfam does not believe that either ..... poverty or ..... famine are inevitable and tries to get to their root causes. They also make ..... effort to help women, since women and children are invariably ..... poorest of all ..... world's poor people.

4) Clare went into the pub and looked around her. There was ..... woman playing ..... piano. She was singing ..... old Irish song about a boy from Dublin who had gone to ..... United States to find work. At ..... table at ..... back of the room was Tom O'Connor, ..... man she had come to meet. "Have you got ..... papers ?" he asked. "No, I haven't," she replied. "I've given them to ..... police. I hope they arrest you and send you to ..... prison."