

Grammar L1GLO1

Articles and Determiners

Learning Outcome 1: Articles and basic determiners (*any, some, a lot of, many, a few*)

NOTICING A Read the sentences. Answer the questions below.

1. Did you collect a lot of data about the birds you saw?
2. Let me tell you a few things you need to know.
3. In summer, the sun never goes down in some parts of the country.
4. Can you find any information about that on the Internet?
5. Would you like to walk on the Great Wall of China?
6. We have seen that show many times because we really enjoy it.
7. Let's hire a bike and ride around the city.

Which underlined word or phrase can refer to ...

- a. a large amount of a count or noncount noun? _____
- b. one thing when you don't know exactly which thing it is? _____
- c. a large amount of a count noun? _____
- d. a small amount of a count noun? _____
- e. an amount of something in a negative sentence or question? _____
- f. one thing when you know exactly which thing it is? _____
- g. an amount of a count or noncount noun in a positive sentence? _____

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Articles and determiners are words we use to give information about nouns. They can tell us that ...

- there is a small amount of a count noun (*a few*).
- there is an amount of a count or noncount noun (*some*).
- there is a large amount of a count noun (*a lot of, many*) or a noncount noun (*a lot of*).
- we don't know how much of a count or noncount noun there is (*any*) (questions).
- a count or noncount noun is not there (*any*) (negative sentences).
- we are thinking of a specific thing or one of many things that are the same (*the, a/an*).

B Read the sentences. Choose the correct option.

1. We can go and see (a / the) town hall if you want. It's just down the street.
2. Are there (any / the) nice cafés in this part of town?
3. Would you like to try (a few / some) ice cream from this shop?
4. If you want to go in the museum, you need to buy (the / a) ticket over there.
5. There aren't (a lot of / some) green spaces in our city.
6. (Any / Many) tourists like to visit the old railroad station.
7. There are (a few / many) concerts on next month. One in the first week and two in the second week.

C Complete the chart with notes about your town or city.

Special places that there is only one of	Types of cafés, restaurants and shops	How you can travel around

D Work in pairs. Use your notes from exercise C to talk about what visitors can do in your town or city. Remember to use the correct articles and determiners.