

G articles: a / an, the, no article

V collocation: verbs / adjectives + prepositions

P /ə/, two pronunciations of the

1 GRAMMAR articles

a Circle the correct words.

- 1 Yesterday was *hottest* / *the hottest* day of the year so far.
- 2 We went to Paris for my birthday *last weekend* / *the last weekend*.
- 3 I think *girls* / *the girls* are better at learning *languages* / *the languages* than *boys* / *the boys*.
- 4 Did you lock *door* / *the door* when you left *house* / *the house* this morning?
- 5 My sister is married to *German* / *a German*. He's *engineer* / *an engineer*.
- 6 I don't usually like *fish* / *the fish*, but *salmon* / *the salmon* we had last night was delicious.
- 7 We go to *cinema* / *the cinema* once a week / *the week*.
- 8 Don't worry! It's not *the end* / *end of the world* / *world*.
- 9 Do you think *women* / *the women* are more sensitive than *men* / *the men*?
- 10 What *beautiful day* / *a beautiful day*! Let's have *lunch* / *a lunch* in the garden.

b Correct any mistakes in the highlighted phrases. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

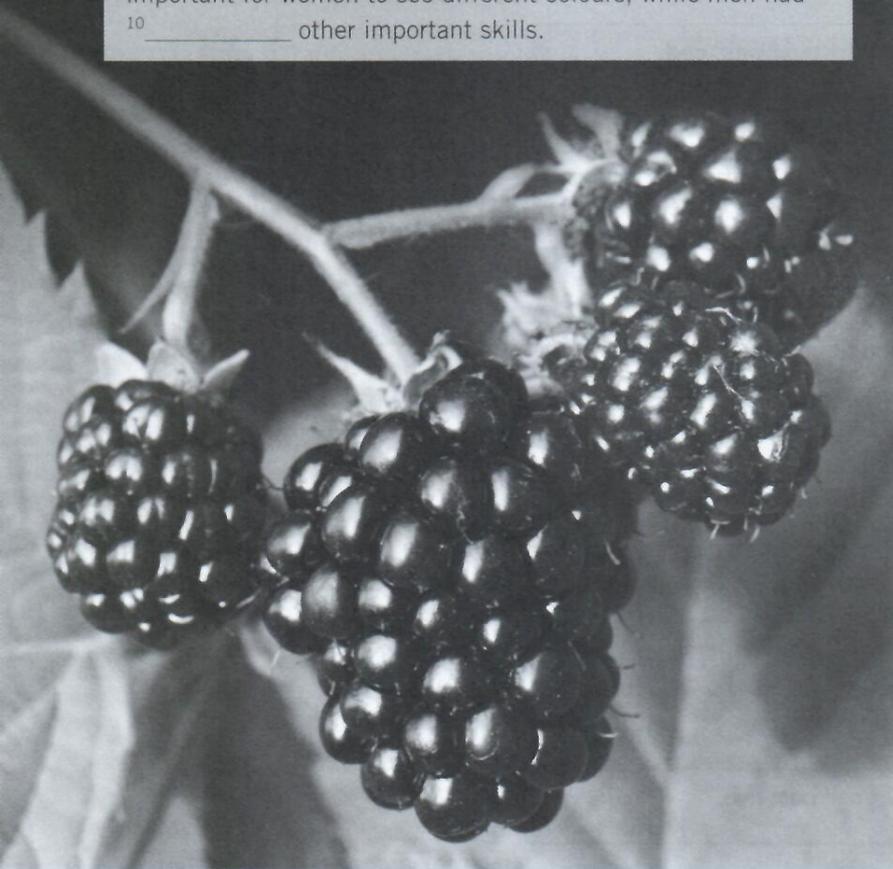
- 1 That's **lovely dress** – the colour suits you.
 a lovely dress
- 2 He's going to visit his parents **the next weekend**.
- 3 **The money** doesn't make people happy.
- 4 My grandfather **left school** when he was 14.
- 5 I go to the dentist about **twice a year**.
- 6 Have you worn **jacket** that you bought last week?
- 7 That was **one of the best meals** I've ever had.
- 8 What **noisy child!** Where are his parents?
- 9 Alex is studying to become **doctor**.
- 10 I love **cats**, but my boyfriend doesn't like them.
- 11 Her husband sits in front of **the TV** all day.
- 12 She always **leaves the work** at half past five.

c Complete the text with *a / an, the* or *–* (no article).

DNA

the reason women see colours better than men

Why are women generally able to see ¹ _____ colours better than men? Scientists say there is ² _____ reason for this, and ³ _____ reason is in our DNA. Our chromosomes contain DNA, which controls many things about us. The ability to see ⁴ _____ colour red is carried by the X chromosome. Men have only one X chromosome, but ⁵ _____ women have two of them. This means that it's easier for women to see red. This was important in prehistoric times when women were looking for ⁶ _____ fruit to eat. They needed to choose ⁷ _____ right fruit, so they had to be able to see ⁸ _____ difference between different colours. If they made ⁹ _____ mistake, they could kill their families and themselves. So, it was more important for women to see different colours, while men had ¹⁰ _____ other important skills.



2 PRONUNCIATION /ə/, two pronunciations of *the*

a 3.3 Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 I'd like _____ to speak _____ to the manager _____.
- 2 The bus is _____ train.
- 3 What are we going _____ ?
- 4 Could you open _____ ?
- 5 She needs _____ her ankle.
- 6 We want _____ tomorrow.

b 3.3 Listen again and repeat.

c 3.4 Listen and repeat the phrases. Pay attention to the pronunciation of *the*.

- 1 The conversation was about the woman next door.
- 2 The university invited a guest to speak at the meeting.
- 3 I sometimes go to the theatre in the evening.
- 4 We took the lift instead of walking up the stairs.
- 5 The office gave me all the information I needed.
- 6 The grey skirt is nice, but I prefer the black one.

3 VOCABULARY collocation

a Circle the correct prepositions.

- 1 They're arriving at / on / in London on Friday.
- 2 That suitcase belongs for / from / to me.
- 3 Shall we ask someone at / for / of directions?
- 4 We might go camping, but it depends in / of / on the weather.
- 5 Everybody laughed about / at / to Zach when he fell off the chair.
- 6 Who's going to pay for / of / with the meal?
- 7 I dreamt about / from / with my old school friends last night.
- 8 That girl reminds me about / of / to my cousin.
- 9 I apologized at / to / with the teacher about / for / of being late.
- 10 He often argues at / to / with his friends about politics.
- 11 We arrive at / in / to Liverpool Street Station at 7.45.
- 12 She doesn't believe about / in / on ghosts.
- 13 I can't choose between / of / with the green one or the blue one.
- 14 They're really looking forward for / of / to their holiday.
- 15 James spends a lot of money for / in / on expensive presents for his girlfriend.

b Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 I'm tired of my job. I think it's time for a change.
- 2 My boyfriend isn't very keen on vegetables.
- 3 He's famous for his role in *Sherlock Holmes*.
- 4 I'm not very interested in abstract art.
- 5 Susie is very different from her sister.
- 6 Adam's very good at maths.
- 7 I'm fed up with this grey weather.
- 8 My brother is very worried about his daughter at the moment.
- 9 A lot of people are scared of spiders.
- 10 They're angry with their son about his terrible exam results.
- 11 She's very close to her brother.
- 12 My husband is very proud of his new car.
- 13 I'm very fond of my grandfather. He's a wonderful person.
- 14 Experts say that walking is good for you.
- 15 Jack's elder brother isn't very kind to him.
- 16 We're really pleased with our new sofa.
- 17 The children are very excited about going to the concert.
- 18 My neighbour was very rude to me yesterday.
- 19 Tony used to be married to Teresa.

4 PRONUNCIATION when are prepositions stressed?

a 3.5 Listen and complete the conversations.

1 A Who did you argue with _____?
B I _____ with my _____.

2 A Who are you _____?
B I'm _____ at _____!

3 A What are you so _____?
B I'm _____ about my _____.

4 A What are you _____?
B I'm _____ to the _____.

b 3.5 Listen again and repeat. Copy the rhythm.

