Articles: a, an & the

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Name: _____ Date: _____

1. She is studying at ___ university.

a / an / the

My answer: _____

2. I found a notebook. ___ notebook had no name.

A / The / An

My answer: _____

3. ___ water is essential for life.

A / The / No article

My answer: _____

4. We waited for ___ hour.

a / an / no article

My answer: _____

5. Could you close ___ door next to you?

a / an / the

My answer: _____

6. I bought ___ umbrella because it was raining.

the / an / a

My answer: _____

7. We had ___ breakfast before leaving.

no article / a / an

My answer: _____

8. ___ moon looked bright last night.

A / An / The

My answer: _____

9. Choose the general statement.

A dogs need exercise. / Dogs need exercise. / The dogs need an exercise.

My answer: _____

10. She is ___ engineer.

an / a / no article

My answer: _____

Answer key & explanations

1. **a** — University begins with a /y/ sound, so a is correct when no particular university has been identified.

2. **The** — The notebook is now identifiable because it was introduced in the first sentence.

3. **No article** — Water refers to the substance in general, not a specific supply.

4. **an** — The h in hour is silent. The word begins with a vowel sound.

5. **the** — The phrase next to you identifies the specific door.

6. **an** — Use an before the vowel sound in umbrella when introducing an unspecified item.

7. **no article** — Meals such as breakfast normally take no article in this general use.

8. **The** — Use the for the moon because the intended object is uniquely identifiable.

9. **Dogs need exercise.** — A plural noun with no article can refer to a whole class. Dogs is plural, so a cannot precede it.

10. **an** — A singular countable job noun needs an article; engineer begins with a vowel sound.