



Let's Practise

Fill in the gaps with appropriate indefinite articles. If no article is required, put X.

1. This is *an* ostrich.
2. I just finished reading *a/the* book.
3. The students need help with shifting *the* furniture.
4. We need to take the patient to *a* hospital.
5. Rima wants *a* boiled egg for breakfast.
6. Please bring me *an* umbrella.
7. Rahul is *X* naughty.
8. Diya's elder sister is studying in *a* university in the USA.
9. I need to buy *X* meat.



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- a. I learnt to play the trumpet when I was 6 years old.
- b. The Bay of Bengal, the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea are three water bodies that surround India at the south eastern, the south western and the southern territories.
- c. The Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of the world.
- d. Rabindranath Tagore is the national poet of India. He received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913. He returned the knighthood as a protest against the Jaliawala Bagh Massacre in 1919.

2. Fill in the gaps in the following sentences using a/an/the/X.

- a. To get to our school, cross the street, walk three blocks towards the east and you'll see the school right in the corner.
- b. An elephant has escaped from the zoo. It has taken shelter in a nearby school. Everyone in the neighbourhood seems to be extremely scared. No one is ready to face the elephant. The zoo officials have been called to capture the elephant.
- c. X trees are crucial to human existence on the earth. Yet we are bent upon destroying the forests. Indiscriminate cutting of trees in the Himalayan forest is the root cause of soil erosion.

3. Read the following story from Aesop's fables. The articles are missing in the story. Complete the story with correct articles choosing from those given in the brackets.

The (A/An/The) eagle was flying high through the (a/an/the) air when suddenly it heard a (a/an/the) arrow whizzing in. Immediately after that it felt itself seriously wounded. It didn't know what exactly hurt it. Slowly it fluttered down to the (a/an/the) earth, with its life-blood pouring out of a (a/an/the) fresh wound. Trying to tend the (a/an/the) wound it saw a (a/an/the) arrow sticking out. While looking closely at the (a/an/the) arrow the (a/an/the) eagle saw a (a/an/the) feather in the (a/an/the) shaft of the (a/an/the) arrow. The (a/an/the) eagle knew it is a (a/an/the) feather from its own body. It exclaimed with sorrow, "Alas! How we hand in to our enemies a (a/an/the) instrument that can harm us."