



Basic English 3



Unit 1 Lesson 4 - Do you want coffee or tea?



Underline the possessive pronoun or possessive noun in each box.

It was Rose's 20th birthday. She and her friends were meeting at an Italian restaurant.

1

Rose got to the restaurant early. "This table will be yours," said the waiter. Rose was very excited.

2

She looked around, but no one had arrived yet. She called her friends, but nobody answered Rose's call.

3

Twenty minutes had passed but none of her friends came. She was terribly sad. Friends of hers all stood her up.

4

When she opened the front door, the lights went on and all her friends shouted "Surprise!" "These gifts are for you. They are yours!", they said.

5

Learn today's targets.



Grammar Focus

- Choice Questions
- Articles: a/ an
- Zero Article

Key Expressions

- Do you want coffee or tea?
- Do you like a ham or an egg sandwich?



Listen to the teacher and repeat.



start off



best seller



dine-in



take-out

Listen to the audio and repeat.



Waitress: Can I start you off with a drink?

Bo: Yes, please. I would like something warm.

Waitress: Sure. **Do you want coffee or tea?**

Bo: I'll have coffee without sugar, please.

Waitress: Okay. Would you like something to eat?

Bo: Hmm. Do you have sandwiches?

Waitress: Yes. **Do you like a ham or an egg sandwich?**

Bo: I want an egg sandwich, please.

Waitress: Great. It's our bestseller. Your order will be served shortly.

 Learn the expression.

Choice Question

.....

This question **does not expect** the answer 'yes' or 'no'. Instead, it offers options.

Do you want ...

tea

coffee

sugar

cream

or

Do you like ...

an apple

an orange

hot drinks

cold drinks



Learn the grammar.



Articles

An **article** is used before a noun to show whether it refers to something specific or not.

1 Definite Article “the”

used for specific objects or objects that both the speaker and the listener know

2 Indefinite Articles “a” and “an”

used for objects that are not specific or things of a similar type

Examples:

Let's read **the** book.

→ I mean a specific book that we both know.

I want to have **the** apple from the refrigerator.


→ I mean I want to have the only apple or the specific apple from the refrigerator.

Let's read **a** book.

→ I mean any book.

I want to have **an** apple from the refrigerator.

→ I mean any apple among the apples from the refrigerator.



Learn the uses.

Use “a/ an” for ...

1st
Mention

I saw *an old woman* in the park.

Jobs

Paula works as *a teller* at a bank.

Think:
When don't we use articles?

Use “the” for ...

2nd
Mention

I saw a dog yesterday. *The dog* was cute.

Only Thing

The moon looks beautiful today.

Common
Places

She drops her off at *the airport*.

Superlatives

He is *the best* student in the class.

Instruments

My daughter plays *the violin*.



Learn the grammar.



The Zero Article

It is sometimes possible to have a noun phrase with NO article - the so-called "ZERO article".

General Meaning

I don't like **children**. (= children in general)

Meals

What time do you have **breakfast**?

Specific Years, Months, Days

2020 was a terrible year.

Games, Sports

Basketball is one of the most popular sports in the world.

Languages, School Subjects

He doesn't speak **English**.

Hidden Meanings

I go to **school** every morning. She's in **hospital** now.

Think: What's the difference between "she is in hospital" and "she is in the hospital"?

 Fill in the blanks.

a/an

the

/ (ZERO article)

- 1. I was at _____ train station when you called me.
- 2. She studied _____ Arts in university.
- 3. David always cooks _____ lunch in _____ kitchen.
- 4. _____ doctor earns more than _____ teacher.
- 5. Peter is blind and has got _____ guide dog that goes with him everywhere.
_____ dog is a collie.
- 6. _____ sun rises in the east and sets in the west.
- 7. Julie talked for _____ hour about her school project.
- 8. _____ dogs are commonly referred to as “man's best friend”.
- 9. Tokyo is _____ capital of Japan.



Situation: You are having lunch at a restaurant. Order food by making a short conversation using the following expressions.

- Do you want ... or ...?
- What ... do you have?



Read what we learned today.



Word Focus

start off

best seller

dine-in

take-out

Grammar Focus

- Choice question: *Do you want A or B?*
- Coordinating conjunction 'or'
- Definite article 'the', indefinite article 'a' and 'an', zero article