

What are Advanced Article Uses?

Worksheet

Advanced article usage involves the, a/an, and zero article in contexts like institutions (go to school vs. the school), generics (Dogs are loyal), and unique nouns (the sun, the President).

Questions

1. Fill: 'Dogs are loyal to ____.'
A) dogs
B) the dogs
C) dog
D) the dog
2. Which is correct for a specific sunset?
A) Sunset is beautiful
B) A sunset is beautiful
C) The sunset is beautiful
D) Sunsets are beautiful
3. Fill: 'She plays ____ violin in ____ orchestra.'
A) a, the
B) the, the
C) the, a
D) violin, orchestra
4. In bed vs. in the bed?
A) Both wrong
B) in bed = sleeping
C) in the bed = lying on it
D) No difference
5. Fill with the or zero: '____ piano is beautiful, but not everyone plays ____ piano well.'
6. Article in generics: 'Are ____ tigers endangered?' vs. '____ tiger we saw was beautiful.'
7. Institution context: 'She's at ____ hospital. The hospital has new equipment.'
8. Define: When do you use the with unique nouns?
9. Define: Generic plurals: article?
10. Define: At school vs. at the school?

Answer Key

1. D) the dog — Generics take zero: 'loyal to dogs' OR 'the owner' if specific.
2. C) The sunset is beautiful — Specific unique = the; plural generic = zero.
3. B) the, the — Instruments as skill = the; orchestra as specific group = the.
4. B) in bed = sleeping — 'in bed' = sleeping (role); 'in the bed' = physically inside that bed.
5. First blank: the piano = specific piano (the one mentioned). Second blank: the piano = skill with the instrument. Answer: 'The piano is beautiful, but not everyone plays the piano well.'
6. First: zero article for the generic class: 'Are tigers endangered?' Second: the tiger = specific one: 'The tiger we saw was beautiful.'
7. First: zero article (at hospital = role/purpose): 'at hospital' Second: the hospital = specific building being discussed: 'The hospital has new equipment.'
8. Always with unique nouns: the sun, the moon, the President, the capital.
9. Zero article: 'Dogs are loyal.' NOT 'The dogs are loyal' for general statement.
10. 'at school' = as a student; 'at the school' = physically at the building.

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