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Part A Nouns and Articles

Preview

Lisa has new shoes. The shoes are blue and brown. Blue is Lisa’s favorite color.

Grammar Explanation

Nouns can be singular or plural. SINGULAR: banana PLURAL: bananas

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<tr>
<th>Noun Ending</th>
<th>Rule</th>
<th>Examples</th>
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<td>a consonant or a vowel (most regular nouns)</td>
<td>add -s</td>
<td>a bed → beds a table → tables</td>
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<td>-s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x</td>
<td>add -es</td>
<td>a bus → buses a glass → glasses a dish → dishes</td>
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<td>a consonant + y</td>
<td>change y to i and add -es</td>
<td>a dictionary → dictionaries</td>
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<td>-f or -fe</td>
<td>change -fl/-fe to v and add -es</td>
<td>a leaf → leaves a knife → knives</td>
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Vowels: a, e, i, o, u
Consonants: b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z

Articles are a, an, and the. Sometimes no article is used.
A baby cries. The teenagers whisper. An alligator swims. Apples are delicious.

Articles

A is for singular nouns. It goes in front of consonant sounds.
A zebra has stripes. Nick eats a sandwich.

An is for singular nouns. It goes in front of vowel sounds.
An iris is a flower. John sees an airplane.

The is for singular or plural nouns. It goes in front of consonant or vowel sounds.
The dogs bark. Tom is at the library. The ice cream is vanilla. Lisa has the erasers.

Words beginning with u often have a y (ju) sound. In this case, a is used.
Y SOUND: A unicorn (juːnɪˈkɔrn) has a horn. U SOUND: Amy has an umbrella (əˈmʌbrə).

H is often silent when it begins a word. In this case, an is used.
SILENT: An hour is a long time. SPOKEN: Sarah has a hamster.
Practice 1

Exercise 1  Circle the correct answers.

1. Tom plays (an / the) violin.
2. (A / An) ant is (a / an) insect.
3. Amy rides (a / an) horse.
4. (The / A) apples are ripe.
5. Amy wears (a / an) uniform to school.
6. (The / An) hotel is near (a / the) airport.

Exercise 2  Look at the pictures and circle the correct sentences.

1. a. The girls are hitting a tennis ball.
   b. The girl is hitting a tennis ball.
   c. The tennis ball is hitting the girl.

2. a. A child carries her parents.
    b. A mother carries a child.
    c. A father carries a child.

3. a. A tree climbs the koala.
    b. A koala climbs a tree.
    c. Koalas climb the trees.

Exercise 3  Write a or an before the words. Then write the plural forms.

1. _____ hour → ____________
2. _____ earring → ____________
3. _____ baseball → ____________
4. _____ year → ____________
5. _____ university → ____________
6. _____ house → ____________
7. _____ pineapple → ____________
8. _____ plant → ____________
9. _____ armchair → ____________
10. _____ uncle → ____________
11. _____ helicopter → ____________
12. _____ athlete → ____________
Exercise 4  Listen and number the pictures from 1–4.  Track 2

Exercise 5  Fill in the blanks with a or an. Then make sentences by matching the words.

1. ___A___ fork is
2. ___ _____ kitten is
3. ___ _____ orange is
4. ___ _____ apartment is
5. ___ _____ elephant is

   • ___ _____ fruit.
   • ___ _____ home.
   • ___ a utensil.
   • ___ big animal.
   • ___ baby cat.

Exercise 6  Complete the sentences with nouns from the box.

leaves  pencil  carrot  seasons  Alaska  vegetables  Amy  Polar bears

1. ___Alaska___ is a cold place. ___________ live in Alaska.
2. __________ has a pencil. The ___________ is yellow.
3. The ___________ change color. The ___________ change.
4. A ___________ is a vegetable. ___________ are good for you.
**Exercise 7**  Complete the sentences with words from the box.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>plants</th>
<th>The</th>
<th>night</th>
<th>porcupine</th>
<th>A</th>
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1. Porcupines eat meat. T F
2. Porcupines climb trees. T F
3. Twigs protect porcupines. T F
4. Porcupines are awake at night. T F

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**Welcome to City Zoo!**

Learn about a 1. ___________!

- A porcupine is nocturnal. It sleeps all day and stays awake at 2. ___________.
- A porcupine eats green 3. ___________.
- A porcupine has long quills. 4. ___________ quills protect the porcupine.
- 5. ___________ porcupine climbs trees.

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**Exercise 8**  Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Porcupines eat meat. T F
2. Porcupines climb trees. T F
3. Twigs protect porcupines. T F
4. Porcupines are awake at night. T F
Subject Pronouns and Possessive Adjectives

Part B

Preview

My brother and I want a horse.
Our aunt has two horses.
We ride the horses. They are fast!

Grammar Explanation

Subject Pronouns refer to nouns. They replace subjects.

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<th>Possessive Adjectives</th>
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<td>John plays basketball. \nHe is athletic. (He = John)</td>
<td>My hair is brown. \nAmy and her brother have a pet rabbit. \nTheir rabbit eats lettuce.</td>
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<td>Lisa and Tom play musical instruments. \nThey take lessons. (They = Lisa and Tom)</td>
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<td>it</td>
<td>its*</td>
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<td>we</td>
<td>our</td>
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<td>they</td>
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*Its is a possessive adjective. It’s = It is
Practice 1

Exercise 1 Underline the subject pronouns and circle the possessive adjectives.

1. My name is John.
2. I am fifteen years old.
3. I live with my mom and dad.
4. We live in an apartment.
5. My dad is a teacher.
6. He likes his job.

Exercise 2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with subject pronouns or possessive adjectives.

1. Jennifer likes bubble gum.
   _______ favorite flavor is watermelon.
   _______ chews it every day.
   _______ is delicious.

2. Sam is a skateboarder.
   _______ can do tricks.
   _______ brother and sister skateboard, too.
   _______ learn from Sam.

3. The cow sees Ryan.
   _______ shows Ryan _______ tongue.
   _______ takes a picture.
   _______ picture is funny.

Exercise 3 Listen and circle the subject pronouns and possessive adjectives you hear. **Track 3**

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Exercise 4  Rewrite the sentences with subject pronouns.

1. Lisa wears skirts.
   → She wears skirts.

2. John and Nick play tennis.
   → They play tennis.

3. Giraffes are tall.
   → They are tall.

4. The sofa is comfortable.
   → It is comfortable.

5. Tom and his sister watch cartoons.
   → They watch cartoons.

Exercise 5  Fix the mistakes in the sentences. Each sentence has one mistake.

1. His is happy.
   → He is happy.

2. They eat they lunches.
   → They eat their lunches.

3. You earrings are pretty.
   → Your earrings are pretty.

4. Amy and she dad like pizza.
   → Amy and her dad like pizza.

5. Our are good students.
   → We are good students.
Grammar in Use

Exercise 6  Complete the sentences with subject pronouns or possessive adjectives.

1. __________ name is Katherine.
   I am sixteen years old.
2. __________ am on the track team. The hurdles is __________
   favorite event.
3. __________ little brother is on the track team, too.
4. __________ runs fast!
   Sometimes __________ race together, but he always wins.

Exercise 7  Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Katherine and her brother are athletic.  T  F
2. Steve is sixteen years old.  T  F
3. Steve is on the track team.  T  F
4. (Photo) It is a hurdle.  T  F
Part C Review

Exercise 1  Practice the conversations with a partner. Change roles for each conversation.

A: Hi! My name is Amy. I am a new student.
B: Nice to meet you, Amy. My name is Lisa.
A: Nice to meet you, too. I like your headband.
B: Thanks!

1. Lisa eats ___ apple. ___ is delicious.
   a. an / She       b. an / It       c. the / They       d. a / We

2. ___ brother is tall. ___ plays basketball.
   a. Our / She   b. My / Our   c. My / He       d. His / She

3. John and ___ dad like desserts. ___ favorite dessert is chocolate cake.
   a. her / Her   b. they / His   c. his / Their       d. their / Our

4. I like ___ sandals. ___ are cool!
   a. your / They   b. my / It   c. his / Its       d. the / Their

5. We have ___ new puppy. ___ barks a lot!
   a. a / My   b. the / They   c. an / We       d. a / It

Exercise 2  Choose the best answers.

1. Lisa eats ___ apple. ___ is delicious.
   a. an / She       b. an / It       c. the / They       d. a / We

2. ___ brother is tall. ___ plays basketball.
   a. Our / She   b. My / Our   c. My / He       d. His / She

3. John and ___ dad like desserts. ___ favorite dessert is chocolate cake.
   a. her / Her   b. they / His   c. his / Their       d. their / Our

4. I like ___ sandals. ___ are cool!
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5. We have ___ new puppy. ___ barks a lot!
   a. a / My   b. the / They   c. an / We       d. a / It
Exercise 3  Complete the sentences with **a** or **an**. Then number the pictures from 1–6.

1. We live on _____ island.
2. He has _____ basketball.
3. She is _____ acrobat.
4. _____ orangutan has long arms.
5. She wears _____ uniform to school.
6. I see _____ ambulance.

Exercise 4  Circle the correct answers.

1. (My / I) sister is nineteen years old. 2. (She / Her) name is Monica.
3. (She / He) is nice. 4. (I / You) love her very much. She is 5. (an / a) university student. 6. (Its/ Her) favorite subject is science. She is 7. (a / an) good student. 8. (She / Their) often studies in 9. (an / the) library.

Exercise 5  Fix the mistakes in the sentences. Each sentence has one mistake.

1. He throws an baseball. → __________________________________________
2. She washes she face. → __________________________________________
3. We see an helicopter. → __________________________________________

Proverb

An apple a day keeps
the doctor away.