

DETERMINERS AND QUANTIFIERS

ANSWER KEY

Exercises

Directions: Fill in the blank with the appropriate article, a, an, or the, or leave the space blank if no article is needed.

1. I want **an** apple from that basket.
2. Miss Lin speaksChinese.
3. I borrowed **a** pencil from your pile of pencils and pens.
4. One of the students said, "**The** professor is late today."
5. Eli likes to playvolleyball.
6. I bought **an** umbrella to go out in the rain. (**"the" is also correct**)
7. My daughter is learning to play **the** violin at her school.
8. Is your mother working in **the** old office building? (**"an" could also be correct**)

Directions: Provide the correct article in each blank space or indicate that no article is appropriate.

Soccer — or football (or foosball or futbol), as it is called by **the** rest of **the** world outside United States — is surely **the** most popular sport in the world. Every four years, the world championship of soccer, **the** World Cup, is watched by literally billions all over the world, beating out the United States professional football's Superbowl by far. It is estimated that 1.5 billion people watched the World Cup final between Italy and Brazil in 1994. And it is also **a** genuine world championship, involving teams from many countries (as many as 172) and played in venues all over **the** globe, unlike **the** much more parochial and misnamed World Series in American baseball (that doesn't even involve Japan or Cuba, two baseball hotbeds). But although soccer has become **an** important sport in **the** American sports scene, it will never make inroads into **the** hearts and markets of American sports the way that football, basketball, hockey, baseball, and even tennis and golf have done. There are many reasons for this.

Recently New England Revolution beat Tampa Bay Mutiny in **a** game played during **a** horrid rainstorm. Nearly 5000 fans showed up, which shows that soccer is, indeed, popular in the United States. However, the story of game was buried near **the** back of **the** newspaper's sports section, and there was certainly no television coverage. In fact, **the** biggest reason for soccer's failure as **a** mass appeal sport in the United States is that it doesn't conform easily to **the** demands of television.

Basketball succeeds enormously in America because it regularly schedules what it calls "television time-outs" as well as the time-outs that *the* teams themselves call to re-group, not to mention half-times and, on the professional level, quarter breaks. Those time-outs in the action are ideally made for television commercials. And television coverage is *the* lifeblood of American sports. College basketball lives for *a* game scheduled on CBS or ESPN (highly recruited high school players are more likely to go to *the* team that regularly gets national television exposure), and we could even say that television coverage has dictated *the* pace and feel of American football. Anyone who has attended *a* live football game knows how commercial time-outs slow the game and sometimes, at its most exciting moments, disrupt *the* flow of events. No one raises objection, however, because without television, football knows that it simply wouldn't remain in *the* homes and hearts of Americans. Also, without those advertising dollars, the teams couldn't afford sky-high salaries of their high-priced superstars.

Directions: In the following sentences, fill in the gaps with one of the following quantifiers:

A FEW | A GREAT DEAL | A LITTLE | A LOT | A LOT OF | A MAJORITY OF | ENOUGH | MANY | MUCH OF | PLENTY | SEVERAL OF | SOME

When you've gotten all the answers right, see if you can substitute other quantifiers from the list.

1. I'm having *a lot* of trouble passing my driving exam.
2. *Several of / A lot of / A majority of* the movies were rated PG.
3. *Some / A little / A lot of* information proved to be outdated.
4. We're close to the project deadline, but there is still *a little / enough / some* time left.
5. We still have *some / enough / a lot of / a little* food left in the fridge, so we don't need to go to Walmart today.
6. Although *some / a lot* of the lawn is open to the sun, there are *plenty* of shade trees to make it comfortable.