

3. Before a *Material Noun*.
(*Iron is a very useful metal.*)

1.19 In certain *well established phrases*, consisting of a Transitive Verb followed by an Object, the Object is used without any Article.
(*send word; shake hands; catch fire; leave school; lose heart.*)

1.20 In *Prepositional Phrases* consisting of a Preposition followed by an Object, no Article is used before the object when such phrases are intended to be used for all and on all occasions alike.
(*by hand; at sea; by night; in debt; at school; on earth.*)

EXERCISE 4

Complete the following sentences by filling in suitable articles (*a, an or the*) :

1. Copper is _____ useful metal.
2. He is not _____ honourable man.
3. _____ able man has not always a distinguished look.
4. _____ reindeer is a native of Norway.
5. Honest men always speak _____ truth.
6. Rustom was _____ young Parsee.
7. What do you see there in _____ blue sky ?
8. Benaras is _____ holy city.
9. Aladdin had _____ wonderful lamp.
10. The world is _____ happy place.
11. He returned after _____ hour.
12. _____ school will shortly close for the Puja holidays.
13. _____ sun shines brightly.
14. I first met him _____ year ago.
15. Yesterday _____ European called at my office.
16. Sanskrit is _____ difficult language.
17. _____ Ganga is _____ sacred river.
18. _____ lion is _____ king of beasts.
19. You are _____ fool to say that.
20. French is _____ easy language.

Hints

1. a 2. an 3. An 4. The 5. the 6. a 7. the 8. a 9. a 10. a 11. an 12. The 13. The 14. a 15. a 16. a 17. The, a 18. The, the 19. a 20. an.

EXERCISE 5

(Revision of Determiners)

Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners :

1. It is very difficult to get _____ good job.