

2. We wait for _____ postman every day.
3. There isn't _____ paper for me to write on.
4. Is there _____ food for me ? I'm very hungry.
5. Some boys have come to college without _____ knowledge of English.
6. How _____ milk will be needed for breakfast ?
7. Her father was _____ eminent artist.
8. _____ boys who called on the Prime Minister have gone back.
9. Please give me _____ rice.
10. I have already spent _____ rupees I had.
11. The Ganges is _____ holy river.
12. I shall not buy _____ mangoes.
13. How _____ trees are there in your garden ?
14. French is _____ easy language.
15. I have bought _____ umbrella.
16. I have read _____ book I bought last week.
17. He is _____ honourable man.
18. Will you please lend me _____ money ?
19. He is _____ one-eyed person.
20. She hasn't _____ blue sarees.
21. These are _____ students who have broken the chair.
22. The teacher asked _____ easy question.
23. He is _____ able man.
24. Ramesh is _____ best of all.
25. Please give me _____ one-rupee note.
26. How _____ stories does this book contain ?
27. His father is _____ university professor.
28. I brought _____ ice cream for the children.
29. There is _____ milk in the jug; drink it up.
30. I have lost _____ pen you gave me.

Hints

1. a 2. the 3. any 4. some 5. any 6. much 7. an 8. The 9. some 10. the few 11. a 12. any 13. many
 14. an 15. an 16. the 17. an 18. some 19. a 20. many 21. the 22. an 23. an 24. the 25. a
 26. many 27. a 28. some 29. some 30. the.

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.