

# 30 General and specific things

Articles sit before the noun in English, and give more information about which item is being described.  
Use "the" to talk about specific items.



 **New language** Definite and zero articles

**Aa Vocabulary** Possessions

 **New skill** Talking about the things you own

## 30.1 KEY LANGUAGE DEFINITE AND ZERO ARTICLES

English uses no article  
(zero article) to talk  
about things in general.  
Use "the" (definite  
article) to talk about  
specific things.

**SPECIFIC**  
 **GENERAL**  


**The clothes** he bought yesterday were expensive. Sam is always buying **clothes**.



## 30.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES DEFINITE AND ZERO ARTICLES

 I like reading **books**.  
 **The last book** I read was very good.

 You take great **photos**.  
 **The photo** in your living room is beautiful.

 I usually save **money**, but I'm going  
to spend **the money** I got for my birthday. 

 Jenny has lots of **shoes**.  
 **The shoes** she's wearing today are green.





### 30.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

I love eating the vegetables.

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① Waiter is just getting us a menu.

② I enjoy shopping for the shoes.

③ Jo's back at school now vacation is over.

④ Has he paid you money that he owes you?

⑤ I like watching the exciting movies.



### 30.4 READ THE ARTICLE AND WRITE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AS FULL SENTENCES

#### COLLEGE LIFE

## STARTING COLLEGE

Ex-student Emilia offers some advice to new students

**W**hen you see the student room you're going to live in, it looks great. It feels like freedom. But remember: you have to do your own cleaning now. Your parents won't be cooking meals for you either, so write down the recipes of dishes that you love. Money can be another problem. Speak to the student adviser at your local bank, who can help you budget properly and manage your money.

The social life in college is very exciting, with so many parties and people to meet. Enjoy everything, but remember that you



**You'll have to cook your own meals now.**

have to study, too. Although exams don't seem important to you now, the final exams come around faster than you think. They could affect your future career, so play hard if you must, but remember to work too!

What will look great to new students?

Their new rooms will look great.

① What must new students do now?

② What won't students' parents do for them?

③ What should students write down?

④ What can be another problem for students?

⑤ Who can help students budget?

⑥ What is very exciting at college?

⑦ Why are the final exams so important?

### 30.5 KEY LANGUAGE "HAVE" AND "HAVE GOT"

You can use "have" or "have got" to talk about the things you own. "Have" is appropriate in all situations, but "have got" is only used in spoken UK English.

**I have** a new phone.

"Have" becomes "has" in the third person singular.



**I've got** a new phone.

"Got" doesn't change when the subject changes.

**I don't have** a dishwasher.

Always use "have" in the negative.



**I haven't got** a dishwasher.

"Have not" can be shortened to "haven't."

**Do you have** your keys?

The subject sits between "do" and "have" in questions.



**Have you got** your keys?

The subject sits between "have" and "got" in questions.



### 30.6 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 6 CORRECT QUESTIONS AND SAY THEM OUT LOUD

*Do you have your laptop?*



Do you  
Have you

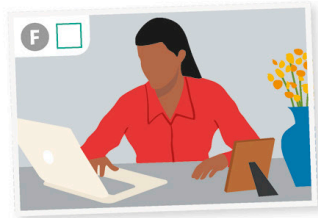
have  
got

your

laptop?  
wallet?  
passport?



### 30.7 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE PICTURES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED





### 30.8 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO FROM 30.7 AGAIN AND MARK THE THINGS THAT YOU HEAR



A ☒



B ☐



C ☐



D ☐



E ☐



F ☐



G ☐



H ☐



I ☐



J ☐



### 30.9 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Digital natives have few digital devices.

True ☐ False ☒ Not given ☐

1 Some digital natives are tired of texting.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

2 All older people have digital devices.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

3 Older people don't like using social media.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

4 Older people use apps to contact their friends.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

5 Some people don't have the latest devices.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

6 All smartphone users have a camera.

True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

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## LIVING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

How to cope with today's digital lifestyle

These days, digital natives (people who have been brought up using digital technology) have many digital devices that they use every day. But the digital native who would rather talk than text is becoming more common.

Some elderly people still don't have any digital devices. But increasingly, older users are embracing the latest forms of communication,

because they love keeping in contact with their family via social media apps.

Not everyone has the most up-to-date version of devices, but smartphones are very popular, and are replacing more traditional gadgets. Many people no longer have a camera, for example, because they can take photos with a smartphone.

### 30 CHECKLIST



Definite and zero articles ☐

Aa Possessions ☐



Talking about the things you own ☐