

FUMC ESL 10-5-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Using “the” “a” or “an”

We use “the” when there is only one of something.

What is the longest river in the world?

The earth goes around the sun.

I am leaving at the end of August.

Austin is the capital of Texas.

We use “a” or “an” when we mean any one.

The sun is a star.

The hotel is a nice one.

Let's have a soda.

If you use "a" instead of "the," it changes the meaning of the sentence. EX: Let's read a book together. Let's read the book together. Explain how these are different.

We say “the sky”, “the sea”, “the ground”, “the country”

Look at all the stars in the sky.

He lives in the country.

There are many fish in the sea.

But we say “space” not “the space” if we mean space in the universe.

There is no gravity in space.

There are many planets in space.

We use “the space” if we mean a spot.

I found a space to park my car.

We say:

I listened to the radio.

I watched TV. (not the TV)

We use "an" not "a" if the noun following begins with a silent H.

I have an hour before my appointment.

It is an honor to be here tonight.

We don't usually use “the” with the names of meals.

I ate breakfast. (not the breakfast)

We ate dinner. (not the dinner)

UNLESS we are talking about a particular meal. EX: The breakfast she prepared for us was wonderful.

Practice:

Put “a”, “an” or “the” in the blank. Leave it blank if it does not need anything added.

1. Did you have _____ lunch?
2. We went to _____ restaurant.
3. Did you have _____ holiday on Friday?
4. It was _____ nice holiday.
5. Where is _____ closest store?
6. There is one on _____ corner.
7. Do you listen to _____ radio?
8. Do you watch _____ TV?

9. I would like to travel in _____ space.
10. I would like to go to _____ moon.
11. I watch movies on _____ television.
12. You stayed at _____ good hotel.
13. I looked at _____ sky.
14. I had _____ breakfast at 8 AM.
15. What is _____ capital of France?
16. What is _____ price for these glasses?
17. Is this _____ best knife for slicing vegetables?
18. You will need _____ knife that is very sharp.
19. There is _____ store down the street that sells baby clothes. It is _____ only baby store in town.
20. Gina is _____ good friend to Soojin.



Special Delivery: Chapter 11 Leaving Soon

Gina calls the hospital at 9:00 AM. The operator connects her to Soojin's room.

"How are you and the baby?" asks Gina.

"We're fine." says Soojin. "We can go home today."

"Today?" asks Gina. She is very surprised.

"Yes," says Soojin. "They want to discharge us by noon. Hospitals are expensive."

"Don't worry," says Gina. "I can come to the hospital."

"But I don't have an infant car seat," Soojin says. She is upset again. Gina hears her crying on the phone.

"I'm sorry," says Soojin. "I wasn't ready for the baby to come."

"I can get the infant seat for you," says Gina.

Gina hangs up the phone. She leaves her apartment. She gets into the La Roma van. Gina looks into the rearview mirror. She sees her reflection. "I can deliver a cheese pizza." she says. "And I can deliver an infant car seat!"

Why is Gina surprised?

Why is Soojin upset?

What does Gina do to help Soojin?

Vocabulary: Read the sentence in the story that contains these words. Then read the other ways they are used.

connect: join two things together. EX: I connected my computer to the speakers. We just moved in and the electricity is not connected.

If you disconnect something, you separate it. EX: The phone company will disconnect your phone if you don't pay your bill.

discharge: to allow someone to go or to send them away. EX: Mother will be discharged from the hospital tomorrow. My brother was discharged from the Army and now works as a policeman.

rear: the back part EX: When I go to a movie, I sit in the rear of the movie theatre. I don't like to sit near the front. The rear wheels of the car were stuck in the mud.



Special Deliver: Chapter 12 An Infant Car Seat and More

Gina parks her van in the parking lot. She goes inside a big store. There are many baby items. Gina finds a good infant car seat. She puts it into the shopping cart. Gina doesn't have children. But she knows that babies need many things. They don't really need items from gift shops. They need diapers. They need clothes. They need blankets. Gina buys more things for Soojin's baby. She pays the cashier and leaves the store.

Next, Gina stops at La Roma. The cooks are already in the kitchen.

"Hello," says a cook. "You're here early."

"I'm helping a friend today," says Gina. "She just had a baby girl. I'll need a pizza, some pasta, and a salad." The cooks make Gina's order. "Thanks," says Gina. "See you later!"

Where does Gina park her van?

What does Gina buy?

Why does Gina stop at La Roma?

Special Delivery: Chapter 13 Going Home

Gina drives back to the hospital. Soojin and the baby are waiting for her. A nurse helps Soojin out of the wheelchair. Then Soojin puts the baby into the new infant car seat. "Is this the right way?" asks Soojin. "Yes, that's right," says the nurse. "Your baby has to sit in a rear-facing car seat. She will face the back for at least two years."

"I understand," says Soojin. "Thanks."

Soon, Gina drives them to Soojin's apartment. Soojin and the baby go inside. But Gina makes many trips to and from the van. First, Gina brings up Soojin's bag. Second, she brings up the food from La Roma. Third, she brings up the diapers, clothes, and blankets. Finally, she brings up the things from the gift shop.

Soojin is sitting on the sofa with the baby. Gina is putting some food in Soojin's refrigerator. At that moment, Soojin's phone rings. It's a video call from her husband, Minh. He is at the airport in South Korea. He is coming home soon.

1. What is a rear-facing seat?
2. What does Gina do to help Soojin?
3. Who calls Soojin? What does he say?