



TEST 2 LEVEL 2

Fill in the correct article (A, AN or THE) where necessary - or leave blank!

- ___ moon goes round ___ earth every 27 days.
- The Soviet Union was ___ first country to send a man into ___ space
- Did you see the film on ___ television or at ___ cinema?
- I'm not very hungry, I had ___ big breakfast.
- I never listen to ___ radio. In fact, I haven't got ___ radio.
- What is ___ highest mountain in ___ world?
- It was a long voyage. We were at ___ sea for four weeks.
- Look at ___ apples on that tree. They're very large.
- ___ women are often better teachers than ___ men.
- In Britain ___ coffee is more expensive than ___ tea.
- We had a very nice meal. ___ cheese was especially good.
- They got married but ___ marriage wasn't very successful.
- I know someone who wrote a book about ___ life of Gandhi.
- ___ life would be very difficult without ___ electricity.
- ___ Second World War ended in 1945.
- Do you know ___ people who live next door?
- Are you interested in ___ art or ___ architecture?
- Don't stay in that hotel. ___ beds are very uncomfortable.
- I hate ___ violence.
- John himself doesn't go to ___ church.
- After ___ work, Ann usually goes home.
- When Ann was ill, we went to ___ hospital to visit her.
- ___ British Prime Minister lives in ___ Downing Street 10.
- ___ Tate Gallery is the main modern art museum in London.
- Have you ever visited ___ Tower of London?
- Do you know ___ time? Yes, ___ clock in ___ hall has just struck nine.
- I am on ___ night duty. When you go to ___ bed, I go to ___ work.
- There will always be a conflict between ___ old and ___ young. ___ young people want ___ change but old people want ___ things to stay ___ same.
- In the past ___ most young boys became a farmer or got another job in their village.
- ___ city life is very noisy, hectic and dirty.
- The waste gases of cars and factories are the primary reasons for ___ air pollution.
- People only have parks, where they can enjoy ___ nature.
- At the beginning I spoke about ___ tourism in ___ towns.
- It's right that there aren't so many ways of spending ___ daily life in ___ suburbs.
- But is it still true that the countryside is praised to be ___ best place for living.
- But when you live in ___ solitude you are not always happy.

Here is an example of a descriptive essay. The words marked in RED are descriptive adjectives. Study them carefully and then do the exercise below. The two pictures will help you visualize the scene.



My Favorite Place

Coney Island in My Mind

The whole island is an amusement park with candy stores, taverns, night shows and a magnificent boardwalk. The chatter of children's voices, the happy shrieks of teens, and the smiles of everyone tells one why this place was and will always be America's happy park. The smell of popcorn and hotdog as one walks the streets to the parks reminds us of simple days when our wants and desires were simpler. The people are friendly and in keeping with the amusement business are always ready to make your visit to the island worth remembering. When one strolls around the commercial center, one can do so leisurely without the need to see everything, to ride everything and taste everything in one day, one keeps coming back to Coney Island because it is removed from the hurried, impersonal and rudeness of the city.



In winter, the place is like a giant ice kingdom, where everything is glistening white and silent. During this time, one can feel the sadness of the city, how it has been suspended in time, and like a bear who sleeps in the winter, it wakes up in the spring. Sadly, not many people visit Coney Island these days. Recently, the magnificent Thunderbolt has fallen from its glory, quite literally. It has lost much of its famous rides and has been stripped of its former grandeur, but nevertheless will always be an icon in America's culture. The more important it is that we visit Coney Island again, by doing so we will help keep it alive and be a living heritage to our children.

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED MRACH 18, 2019)

- TEST 1 LEVEL 1 (-- zero article, which means no article is needed)
- modern life is stressful. (no article)
 - What's the capital of your country?
 - A doctor earns more than a teacher.
 - Do you know who invented the computer ?
 - Have you seen the newspaper? I can't find it anywhere.
 - Is this the first time you've stayed at the Hilton ?
 - Is the Nile or the Amazon the longest river on --- earth ? (no article)
 - Several million visitors a year are attracted to the ski slopes of the Alps.
 - I'll meet you outside the post office. I'll be there in a quarter of an hour.
 - young people tend to think that --- life was more difficult in the past. (no article)
 - In my opinion --- education should be free. (no article)
 - The education I got at --- school was excellent. (no article)
 - In some cities, --- cars have been banned from the centre. (no article)
 - I went to --- Buckingham Palace today. It was great. (no article)
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A LITTLE DISCUSSION ON DESCRIPTIVE ESSAYS

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

1 A descriptive essay simply describes something or someone by appealing to the reader's senses: sight, sound, touch, smell and taste. Here are the basic steps to writing an effective descriptive essay:

1. Select a subject
Observation is the key to writing a good description. For example, if you are writing about a place, go there and take notes on the sights, sounds, and smells. A descriptive essay paints a picture for the reader, using descriptive devices and the senses. Create a thesis statement that informs the reader who or what you are describing.

Example:
"The wooden roller coaster in Coney Island is a work of art."
"My bedroom is an ocean sanctuary."

2. Organize details
The paragraphs in a descriptive essay can be structured spatially (from top to bottom or from near to far) or chronologically (time order) or from general to specific. Descriptive essays can also use other patterns of organization such as narrative or exemplification.



2 Figures of speech are imaginative comparisons between two basically dissimilar things. A figure of speech may enliven a description by making the essay more visual or forceful. Here are some of the more common figures of speech that could prove effective in writing descriptive essays:

SIMILE

Using the words such as "like" or "as" when comparing.
Example: A ride to North Hutchinson Island is like a flight to a Caribbean getaway.

METAPHOR

Implying a comparison between two things that are essentially different.
Example: Stalking their prey, the deputies remained hidden in the bushes and ready to spring on speeding motorists.

PERSONIFICATION

Giving human characteristics to inanimate objects.
Example: The truck, covered with mud and love bugs, cried out for a wash.

HYPERBOL

Using a figure of speech in which exaggeration is used for emphasis or effect.
Example: I'll die if I don't pass this exam. I can wait for million years for million years.

ONOMATOPOEIA

Using words that imitate the sounds associated with the objects or actions to which they refer.
Example: "Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is."

