

UNIT 2

DETERMINERS

1. Complete the introduction given below to the story *The Story Teller* by Saki (H.H. Munro), by using 'a', 'an' or 'the'.

The afternoon was hot, and so was (a) _____ railway carriage. (b) _____ next stop was at Templecombe, nearly (c) _____ hour ahead. In the carriage were a small girl, (d) _____ smaller girl, and a small boy. (e) _____ aunt belonging to (f) _____ children sat in (g) _____ corner seat, and in (h) _____ further corner seat on (i) _____ opposite side, was a man who was a stranger to them, but (j) _____ small girls and the small boy were (k) _____ ones who filled the compartment. The children chatted on and on to their aunt, like (l) _____ housefly that refuses to be put off. Most of the aunt's remarks seemed to begin with "Don't", and nearly all of (m) _____ children's remarks began with "Why?"

1.1 Answer the following questions

- (a) Where were the characters at the time of narration?

- (b) Who was travelling with the aunt?

- (c) How did the children pass their time?

- (d) How long would they take to reach Templecombe?

- (e) How does the aunt respond to the children's antics? Why do you say so?

You must have used a variety of articles in your answer. Why did you use them? Discuss the reasons with your teacher.

Study the following pair of sentences from the description. Notice the use of articles-**a**, **an** or **the** or no article (**X**).

e.g. *The* next stop was at *X* Templecombe.

An aunt belonging to *the* children sat in one corner.

In *the* corner sat a stranger.

Hence we conclude

1. No article is used before a proper noun.
2. 'The' is used to refer to a specific place/person/object.
3. 'A' is used when the person/place is referred to for the first time.
4. 'An' is used before a vowel sound.

2. **Look at the numbers on the map, and match them with the names given in the box below.**



Bay of Bengal	Arctic Ocean	Andaman and Nicobar Islands		
Asia	India	Mount Everest	Lake Baikal	Ganges
Sri Lanka	Persian Gulf	Himalayas	Tropic of Cancer	

- 2.1 An astronaut is speaking to the Mission Control from her capsule, describing geographical features she can see on Earth. Decide which features she is talking about. Fill in the gaps in the astronaut's description below. Use the names given in the box with the correct determiners (a, an, the). (The first two have been done for you).**

"There is very little cloud cover at **the** moment. I can see (1) India right below me. (2) **The** Andaman and Nicobar Islands are clearly visible, and of course there is (3) _____ to the south. I can see where (4) _____ flows into (5) _____. A little higher are the glistening snows of (6) _____ but I can't see (7) _____ itself. I can just make out (8) _____ to the west. I'm passing over, (9) _____ right now. To the north, I can just see (10) _____ in the centre of the vast expanse of (11) _____. In the far north, the ice of (12) _____ is clearly visible."

- 3. Choose a suitable word from the options given and complete the story from Tunisia.**

A weary traveller stopped at a Bedouin's tent and asked for shelter for the night. Without (a) _____ delay, the man killed (b) _____ chicken and handed it to (c) _____ wife for (d) _____ guest's supper.

As the woman stirred the meat in (e) _____ copper cooking pot, she smelled the rich steam and could not resist tasting (f) _____ of the meat and soup, to see if it was soft and tasty. But mouthful followed mouthful, and there wasn't (g) _____ chicken left, but for the neck piece, which she gave to her little son to nibble. The boy found it so tasty that he whined, "Give me (h) _____ more chicken, mother!" The woman slapped the little boy and scolded him: "It's a shameful habit (i) _____ father taught you, enough of it, I tell you!" On the (j) _____ side of the wooden hanging which screened the woman's part of the tent from the rest, the traveller overheard them. "What habit has (k) _____ father taught (l) _____ child?" he asked curiously. "Oh," said the woman,

"whenever a guest arrives at (m) _____ tent, he cuts off his ears and roasts them over the fire for (n) _____ son to eat." Making not a sound, the traveller picked up (o) _____ shoes and ran.

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|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| (a) | (i) no | (ii) any | (iii) little | (iv) no |
| (b) | (i) a few | (ii) some | (iii) few | (iv) a |
| (c) | (i) his | (ii) her | (iii) their | (iv) there |
| (d) | (i) the | (ii) a | (iii) theirs | (iv) their |
| (e) | (i) her | (ii) hers | (iii) the | (iv) an |
| (f) | (i) some | (ii) few | (iii) a few | (iv) more |
| (g) | (i) any | (ii) some | (iii) a few | (iv) few |
| (h) | (i) little | (ii) a little | (iii) a few | (iv) some |
| (i) | (i) hers | (ii) yours | (iii) their | (iv) his |
| (j) | (i) an other | (ii) another | (iii) other | (iv) one |
| (k) | (i) hers | (ii) her | (iii) him | (iv) his |
| (l) | (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) X |
| (m) | (i) X | (ii) our | (iii) ours | (iv) their |
| (n) | (i) their | (ii) his | (iii) him | (iv) our |
| (o) | (i) her | (ii) his | (iii) our | (iv) X |

3.1 Based on your reading of the above story, answer the following questions.

(a) How did the Bedouin and his wife extend their hospitality to the weary traveller?

(b) Why didn't she have any meat left to serve her guest?

(c) Why was her son crying out aloud?



(d) How did she cover up her mistake?

(e) Why did the traveller flee from the tent?

4. Why do you use the determiners? Match the determiners with their uses, using the clues given below:

(a) their; his; her; your; _____

(b) a few; a little; some; _____

(c) any _____

(d) this; these; other _____

(e) two _____

show numbers; show quantity; show possession;
show place/positions; to express a negative idea

5. Here are a few questions and statements written down by the Cultural Secretary, that she/he needs to share. Tick the correct words from those given in brackets.

(a) How (much/many) (chair/chairs) do we need?

(b) (Much/ Several) (schools/ schools) will be participating.

(c) (Several/much) (student/students) have arrived.

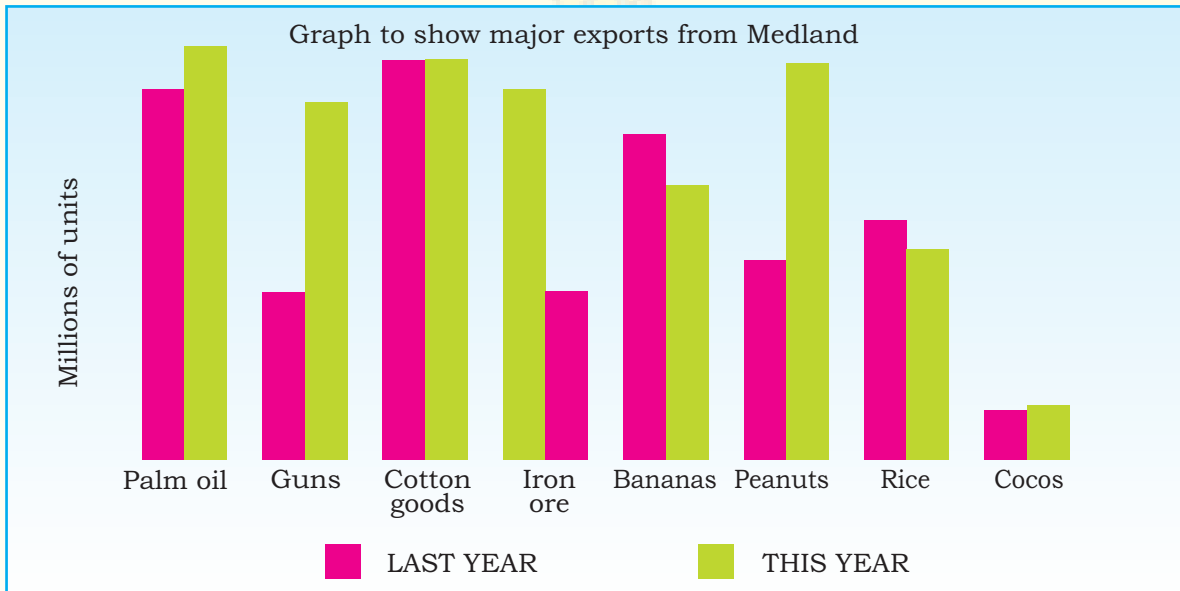
(d) How (much/many) (information/ informations) does this brochure give?

(e) We have only (a few/ a little) sponsors for (some/ much) events.

5.1 In pairs, study the completed sentences in 5 above. You will notice that words like *a little* and *much* go with certain nouns. Are these nouns Countable [C] or Uncountable [U]?

6. Comparing Quantities

Study the following graph depicting major exports from Medland in the current year.



- much less
- almost the same amount of
- far more
- slightly more
- fewer
- a little less
- the same number of
- many more

Write a short report on major exports from Medland this year compared with the last year. Use words from the box above. Divide your report into two paragraphs as indicated.

Medland's Export Trends

On the whole, Medland exported slightly less this year than the last year. Concerning foodstuffs, _____



As regards non-edible goods, _____

7. In pairs, match A and B to produce likely phrases.


A	B
A (n)	horse equipment oil trousers chicken furniture
Some	scissors snow people
A pair of	information goods air
A piece of	glasses water work medicine clothing fact binoculars news glass

There is sometimes more than one sensible combination as in the example.

some
glasses
a pair of

7.1 Look at the pairs below. Draw a sketch to show the difference in meaning, as in the example.

e.g.
paper
a paper



- 1. a) cloth 2. a) rubber
- b) a cloth b) a rubber
- 3. a) lamb 4. a) glass
- b) a lamb b) a glass

8. Compounds - someone, nothing etc.

someone	anyone	none	everyone
somebody	anybody	nobody	everybody
something	anything	nothing	everything
somewhere	anywhere	nowhere	everywhere

(Words ending with one and body mean the same.)

Fill in the gaps with some of the words from the table above.

- (a) He can't hear _____. He's completely deaf.
- (b) _____ is going blurred. I can't see!
- (c) He's looked _____ but he can't find it.
- (d) It must be _____! Look carefully.



- (e) _____ must move or the horse will be scared.
- (f) It doesn't matter what you wear, _____ will do.
- (g) She is very popular. _____ likes her.
- (h) Shh! There is _____ moving downstairs.
- (i) Don't worry ! It's _____ frightening. It is only the wind.
- (j) It's a public holiday, so _____ is open.

9. Both, all, neither, none

One
Two
Three
Neither of them is a ...
All
None
Both

are.....s.

9.1 Work in pairs and recognise how many words belong to each set. Complete the sentences as in the example. Use words only from the box above.

e.g. Animals?
 ✓ ✓ ✓
 panda, carrot, hare, mongoose
 Three of them are animals

1. Chemical elements?

Mercury, iron, ammonia

_____ of _____ are chemical elements.

2. Countries in South America?

Brazil, Syria, Sumatra

One _____ is a country in South America.

3. Rivers?

Hwang Ho, Mekong

_____ them are rivers.

4. Languages?

Telugu, Bengali, Punjabi, Holland

_____ are languages.

5. Capital Cities?

Pokhara, Mandalay, New York, Melbourne

_____ of _____ a capital.

6. Grow on trees?

Pineapple, tomato

_____ of them grows on trees.

7. Religions ?

Taoism, Democracy, Communism

_____ of _____ is a religion.

8. Units of currency?

rupee, kyat, yen, dollar, baht, rupiah

_____ are units of currency.

9.2 a) Write three similar quiz questions on a piece of paper as part of homework.

b) Pairwork: Swap questions with your partner. Write the answers to your partner's questions and return them to be marked by your partner.



10. Personal Pronouns

Read the following conversation

Malavika and Deepak are looking through some photographs of Malavika's family.

Malavika : Now ... this is my brother Shantanu. Shantanu is in Class VIII.

Shantanu is brilliant at playing tennis. Shantanu is also good at singing. Shantanu sings a lot.

Deepak : Shantanu sounds interesting. I'd like to meet Shantanu. I'm looking for someone to play tennis with.

Malavika : Well ... why don't you come around tonight and meet Shantanu? My parents will be out. My parents always go out on Tuesdays.

Improve the above conversation by using suitable pronouns where required.

10.1 Look at the passage below and study how the personal pronouns refer to different people.

A man kidnapped a little girl and hid her in a bungalow in the outskirts of the city. He sent her parents a ransom note telling them to leave fifty thousand rupees near the post box outside the Head Post Office. The man said he would then send a map showing them their daughter's whereabouts.

10.2 Now read this extract from a story and draw arrows (as in the example above) to show how the personal pronouns refer to the different people and things.

Leena was on her annual visit to her uncle's house. She always enjoyed it because she was allowed to spend most of the day down at the mango grove. Leena's uncle was a friend of the man who owned the grove and he always gave a special rate. This year Leena's aunt joined her, and together they set off across the fields to the grove. The branches of the trees were covered with fruits, and so bowed down with the weight that they almost touched the ground. They spent hours picking fruit, eating most of it and sleeping in the shade.

11. Understanding determiners.

Determiners are words that are used in front of nouns to indicate whether you are referring to something specific or something of a particular type.

Singular nouns always need a determiner. In plural nouns, the determiner is optional. Determiners may or may not be used with uncountable nouns depending on context.

There are about 50 different determiners in the English language which include:

Articles: a, an, the

Possessives: my, your, our, their, his, hers, whose, etc.

Demonstratives: this, that these, those, which, etc.

Quantifiers: few, a few, many, much, each, every, some, any, etc.

Numbers: one, two, three, twenty, forty, etc.

Ordinals: first, second, last, next, etc.

Determiners are used

- to state the unit/number of people, things or other nouns.
- to state possessives.
- to specify someone or something.
- to state how things or people are distributed.
- to state the difference between nouns.

Determiners can be classified under the following categories:

EXAMPLES

MULTIPLIERS double, twice, three times... We want double portions.

FRACTIONS half, a third, two fifths..... I drove at half speed.

INTENSIFIERS What! Such! Such impudence!

QUANTIFIERS all, both, most I like most people.

ARTICLES a, an, the Get a book from the shelf.

DEMONSTRATIVES this, that, these, those, That tree is in another



	another, other	garden.
DISTRIBUTIVES	each, every, either, neither	I have a gift for each person.
POSSESSIVES		
(i) PRONOMINAL	my, your, his, her, its, our, your, their	You can borrow Kim's video.
(ii) NOMINAL	Renata's, Adam's, People's...	You can borrow my video.
INTERROGATIVES	What? Which? Whose?	Whose book is that?
QUANTIFIERS	some, any, no	I have no problem with them.
CARDINAL NUMBERS	one, two, three hundred.....	Two heads are better than one.
ORDINAL NUMBERS	first, fewer, much, more, less, least.....	It was my first tennis match.
QUANTIFIERS		
(i) SIMPLE	few, fewer, much, more, less, least.....	I have few pals; Kim has more.
(ii) COMPOUND	a little, a lot of, a great deal of....	I have lots of time to spare.

INTEGRATIVE GRAMMAR PRACTICE 2

1. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows by choosing the correct options from the choices given below. Write the correct options in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

Kalakshetra - cultural academy - preserves - Indian art - founded in 1936 - internationally recognized Indian Parliament Act - institution of national Importance.

Kalakshetra is a cultural academy dedicated to (a)_____ especially Bharathanatyam. The academy (b) _____ Arundale and under her guidance the institution achieved (c) _____ for its unique style and perfection. In 1993 an (d) _____ recognized the Kalakshetra foundation as an institution of national importance.

- (a) (i) preserving Indian art (ii) preservation in Indian art
- (iii) preserves Indian art (iv) preserve Indian art
- (b) (i) is being founded in 1936 by (ii) was founded in 1936 by
- (iii) has been founded in 1936 by (iv) founded in 1936 by
- (c) (i) internationally recognised (ii) internationally recognition
- (iii) international recognition (iv) international recognised
- (d) (i) an Act of the Indian Parliament (ii) an Act by Indian Parliament
- (iii) an Act in Indian Parliament (iv) the Act by Indian Parliament

2. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

- (a) of the owner / a computer virus / that can / infect a / computer / is a programme / without the knowledge
- (a) _____
- (b) can spread / or even a CD / a true virus / through the Internet / or a USB drive
- (b) _____
- (c) infect / viruses / file system / the network / the host files / corrupting / of
- (c) _____



(d) install / anti-virus / many users / known viruses / software that / can detect and eliminate

(d) _____

3. In each sentence four words are underlined. One of them is incorrect. Pick out the incorrect words and write them in the answer space against the correct number.

(a) Music therapy use music to improve the patient's health. (a) _____

(b) It is used with individuals of all ages. (b) _____

(c) It helps in curing a variety of medical problems as substance (c) _____
abuse and aging.

(d) It is also used to improve learning and reduces stress. (d) _____

4. Choose the correct answer and fill in the blanks.

(a) Cars enable you to reach any place you want. _____, they pose parking problems in the cities.

(b) I prefer writing _____ ink.

(c) He fell _____ the ladder

(d) John, as well as his younger brothers, _____ going abroad for further studies.

(e) You'd better take a taxi. _____, you'll arrive late.

(f) It's not a very good job. _____ it's something to start with.

(a) (i) However (ii) Although (iii) Despite (iv) So that

(b) (i) on (ii) in (iii) by (iv) with

(c) (i) on (ii) out (iii) of (iv) off

(d) (i) is (ii) are (iii) have (iv) been

(e) (i) However (ii) Consequently (iii) Furthermore (iv) Otherwise

(f) (i) Besides (ii) Moreover (iii) On the other hand (iv) But

5. Complete the following passage by choosing the correct option. The first one has been done as an example

Martin Cooper (a) a Motorola researcher and executive is widely (b) _____ to be the inventor (c) _____ the first mobile phone in 1973. There are (d) _____ categories of mobile phones (e) _____ from basic phones and feature phones (f) _____ as music phones, camera phones to smart phones. The (g) _____ commonly used data application on mobile phones (h) _____ text messaging. Mobile phones generally (i) _____ power from batteries which (j) _____ be recharged. The use of cell phones (k) _____ while driving as a safety measure.

- (a) (i) an (ii) the (iii) a (iv) X
- (b) (i) consider (ii) considered (iii) considering (iv) have considered
- (c) (i) for (ii) of (iii) as (iv) off
- (d) (i) many (ii) few (iii) much (iv) more
- (e) (i) are ranging (ii) ranging (iii) range (iv) ranges
- (f) (i) some (ii) like (iii) such (iv) similar
- (g) (i) much (ii) more (iii) most (iv) many
- (h) (i) is (ii) are (iii) has been (iv) being
- (i) (i) obtain (ii) is obtaining (iii) obtaining (iv) obtained
- (j) (i) would (ii) can (iii) may (iv) should
- (k) (i) ban (ii) was banned (iii) banning (iv) is banned

