

1 Complete the pairs of sentences with a different article (*the*, *a(n)* or *-*) for each sentence.

- 1 **A** Have you been to the cinema recently?
B Have you heard? There's a new cinema opening soon.
- 2 **A** Chloe often wears _____ trousers to school.
B Chloe often wears _____ trousers you gave her to school.
- 3 **A** Jess is not very interested in _____ science.
B Jess's dad is _____ science teacher.
- 4 **A** Bruno is _____ little impatient this morning.
B Sometimes Bruno has _____ very little patience.
- 5 **A** Jörn stupidly dropped his phone in _____ ocean.
B The Pacific isn't a lake, it's _____ ocean!
- 6 **A** I want to change _____ furniture in my room.
B I'm going shopping for _____ furniture tomorrow.

2 Read the pairs of sentences and decide if they have a similar (S) or different (D) meaning.

- 1 **A** My sisters give me little help when I need it.
B My sisters give me a little help when I need it. D
- 2 **A** My friends and I use plenty of slang words.
B My friends and I use lots of slang words.
- 3 **A** There were few good places to go cycling.
B There were a few good places to go cycling.
- 4 **A** Do you want any chocolate?
B Do you want some chocolate?
- 5 **A** Several passengers were stuck overnight at the airport.
B A large number of passengers were stuck overnight at the airport.
- 6 **A** I've got some free time on Sunday.
B I've got plenty of free time on Sunday.

3 Put a tick (✓) if the sentence is correct or a cross (✗) if it is incorrect. Underline the mistakes.

- 1 We saw a plenty of wild animals when we went to the USA. ✗
- 2 There were a few slang words that I didn't understand.
- 3 I really like the animals but I can't have pet because I'm allergic to they.
- 4 It's a lot of hot today.
- 5 It rained all afternoon so the amusement park wasn't much fun.
- 6 I spend many time playing video games – three hours per day.

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 For this recipe you only need a small (amount) / number of sugar.
- 2 Sadly, there are *few* / *a few* opportunities for people like me.
- 3 They can afford it! They've got *plenty of* / *a few* money.
- 4 A large *number* / *amount* of people watched my presentation.
- 5 I had *a little* / *little* to lose, so I just tried my best, and I won!
- 6 In the end I didn't have *some* / *any* problems translating it.

5 ~~Cross out~~ the incorrect determiners in the text. Sometimes both options are correct.

Recently, ¹ ~~the~~ / *a few* people have told me that they have ² *a few* / *little* problems understanding me when I speak. That's because, a couple of weeks ago I started wearing ³ *a* / *the* brace on my teeth. It's not ⁴ *the* / – most comfortable thing in ⁵ *the* / *a* world, I admit, but ⁶ *a large number of* / *plenty of* teenagers, like myself, have to wear one to straighten their teeth. It took ⁷ *a little* / *a few* time to get used to. At the beginning, it was ⁸ *a lot of* / *a bit* painful, but now, after two weeks, it's causing me very ⁹ *little* / *many* discomfort. ¹⁰ *The* / *a* only problem is that my 's's sound ¹¹ *a bit* / *a little* funny!

1

- 2 **A** - **B** the
- 3 **A** - **B** a
- 4 **A** a **B** -
- 5 **A** the **B** an
- 6 **A** the **B** -

2

- 2 S
- 3 D
- 4 S
- 5 D
- 6 D

3

- 2 ✓
- 3 × ~~the, pet, they~~ (animals, a pet/pets, them)
- 4 × ~~a lot of~~ (very/really)
- 5 ✓
- 6 × ~~many~~ (lots of / a lot of)

4

- 2 few
- 3 plenty of
- 4 number
- 5 little
- 6 any

5

- 2 a few / little
- 3 a / ~~the~~
- 4 the / (zero article is incorrect)
- 5 a / the
- 6 a large number of / plenty of
- 7 a little / ~~a few~~
- 8 ~~a lot of~~ / a bit
- 9 little / ~~many~~
- 10 The / a
- 11 a bit / a little