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## Noun Modifier Review

Answers!

the door of the car: car door  
the window of the kitchen: kitchen window  
the pocket of a coat: coat pocket  
residents of Vancouver: Vancouver residents  
food for cats: cat food  
a person who gossips in an office: office gossip  
a drink to give you energy: energy drink

a watch made of gold: gold watch  
shoes for playing golf: golf shoes  
a box made of cardboard: cardboard box  
a purse made of leather: leather purse  
a ring with a diamond: diamond ring

a person who works in an office: office worker  
a person who makes jewelry: jewelry maker  
a person who sings opera: opera singer  
a person who sells newspapers: newspaper seller  
a person who manages a club: club manager  
a person who  
designs exercise equipment: ex. equipment designer

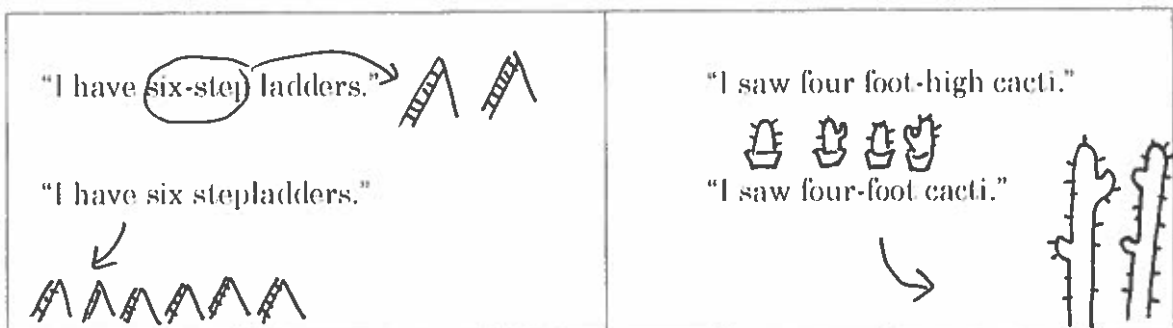
a list for shopping: shopping list  
a lesson for swimming: swimming lesson  
a machine for washing: washing machine  
a setup for gaming: gaming setup  
a trip for camping: camping trip  
a lesson for singing: singing lesson

a bucket to keep ice in: ice bucket  
a cube made of ice: ice cube  
a storm of ice: ice storm  
the time when the Earth was covered with ice: ice age  
a ship that breaks ice: ice breaker

a movie that last three hours: three-hour movie  
a flight that takes two hours: two-hour flight  
a book that has 200 pages: 200-page book  
a child that is six months old: six-month-old child  
a bill that's worth 100 dollars: 100-dollar bill  
a race that's five miles long: five-mile race  
a presentation that will take 15 minutes: 15-minute presentation

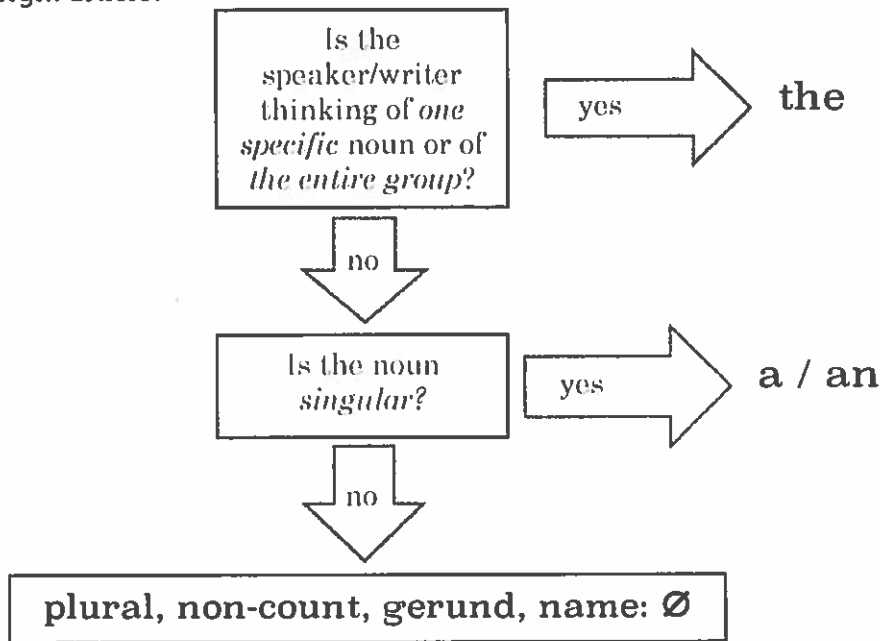
a ladder with five steps: five-step ladder  
a job that lasted ten days: ten-day job  
a man who is 30 years old: 30-year-old man  
a man who is 33 years old: 33-year-old man  
a program with 12 steps: 12-step program

What's the difference?



## Articles Worksheet 1

Choosing between "a/an/the" and "Ø" (no article) is often a challenge. "The" is used to indicate that the writer or speaker has single, specific noun in mind; therefore, there are no reliable grammar rules for its use. However, there are strong guidelines to help you choose the right article.



Ex. 4.1: Underline the noun(s). Cross out or add articles as needed.

- 1) We often spend time with ~~the~~ memories. plural (use Ø)
- 2) It is difficult to give up ~~the~~ addictions. plural
- 3) A good cream is probably ~~a~~ <sup>^ the</sup> best way to improve your skin. specific
- 4) There are problems all over the country.
- 5) You should cultivate good habits.
- 6) People should have ~~a~~ good strategies to organize their work. plural (use Ø)
- 7) The first group are ~~a~~ true romantics. plural
- 8) After being ~~a~~ roommates for a week, we got along. plural
- 9) Bloggers usually want ~~the~~ other people to like their pages. plural
- 10) ~~The~~ People in debt have no choice. plural
- 11) People use ~~the~~ social networking for many reasons. gerund
- 12) We live in <sup>^ a/the</sup> modern world. Singular - there may be one specific world
- 13) <sup>^ A</sup> Leader might use the power of fear. Singular

14) There's a strange smell in the air.

15) Most people are <sup>a</sup> mix of the two types. *SP singular*

16) It's best to live in ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> small town as not everyone likes a big city. *singular*

### Special Case: "One of the \_\_\_"

This is a very common pattern. Notice that "the" follows the same rule as usual. A superlative word, like "best, worst, most \_\_\_" can indicate what is SPECIAL about the noun. "Other" or a number can indicate a specific group of nouns. "The" must be used with a special, specific noun. Discuss these example sentences and make notes about their differences.

A. ✓ "That's one of the most popular styles."

B. ? "Air pollution is one of the problems."

? "Air pollution is one of the dangerous problems."

*If you have written some sentences that define the group "problems," so it's specific, these are OK.*

C. × "One of popular songs was called 'Falling Down.' "

Ex. 4.2: Cross out, change, or add articles as needed.

1) He's one of the best musicians I've worked with. ✓

2) The research shows ~~one of~~ <sup>a</sup> common ~~problems~~.

3) One of my problems is a lack of financial backing.

4) The artist is one of the ~~small~~ <sup>a</sup> group.

5) The artist is one of a small group.

6) I believe one of the most important issues is financial. ✓

7) This is ~~one of~~ <sup>a</sup> modern problem.

8) One of the things I loved about the room was the lighting. ✓

9) The capital building is one of the <sup>oldest</sup> ~~old~~ buildings in the city. *Must use a superlative with "the."*

10) He came from one of the other counties, so he did not know the city. ✓

11) McMaster is one of the leading universities in this area. ✓

12) MySpace was one of the <sup>earliest</sup> ~~earlier~~ social media sites. ✓

13) MySpace was ~~one of~~ <sup>an</sup> early social media site. *must use a superlative with "the."*