

1. Underline the determiners in the following sentences. Write S for specific determiners and G for general determiners.

(a) It is often said that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. G

(b) Standing by the sea, I wondered how strong those waves were. S

(c) That mathematical problem was so simple, any of us could have easily solved it. S

- (d) Her dog is extremely friendly towards everyone.
- (e) The food was burning in front of you and you didn't do anything about it!
- (f) My birthday is only a few days away and my excitement knows no bounds!
- (g) We have just moved to Bangalore from another city.
- (h) For my mother's birthday, I got her some nice gifts.

Determiners can further be divided into six categories.

The citizens of this country need a government that will focus on providing...

2. Fill in the blanks with *a*, *an* or *the* as required in the following paragraph. Put a cross mark (✕) in the blanks where a determiner is not required.

Every year our family plans a trip to an exciting and new destination. This year too, we were ready to explore the beautiful country of Bhutan. The first thing I noticed about ✕ Bhutan was its cleanliness. There was ✕ immense sense of respect towards nature in all of Bhutan's residents. I later found out that

in Bhutan, the national goal is to make sure that all of its citizens are happy. Hence, they measure the country's development through an index named *Gross National Happiness*. I was so amazed to know this! Bhutan is also the only country in the world that is carbon negative. Most countries produce larger amounts of + carbon dioxide than their trees can absorb. Bhutan, however, still has an enormous forest cover, which ensures that it absorbs more carbon dioxide than it produces! While walking through the streets of Bhutan, I remember inhaling deeply because I knew the air I was breathing was fresh and unpolluted. I left Bhutan with X memories of the wonderful nation that lived in harmony with the nature.



3. Complete the dialogue using appropriate possessive adjectives and demonstratives.

**Ashmita:** Hey, Payal! I am extremely sorry to bother you this late at night, but did you see my phone anywhere? I can't find it.

**Payal:** Hey! Are you sure you carried your phone with you to the restaurant? I don't remember seeing you use your phone at all during dinner.

**Ashmita:** I am sure that I carried it to the restaurant. Do you think I should ask Rahul or Isha? Maybe I left it in their car.

**Payal:** Yes, you could do that. This is the problem with phones these days. You can't fit them in pockets and they tend to get misplaced. Oh! You could also ask your other friends who came today if they saw a phone lying somewhere.

**Ashmita:** I wish I could, but unfortunately, in the midst of celebrations, I couldn't even meet all our friends, let alone speak to them. Did you speak to Anna? She had come all the way from London to meet us.

**Payal:** I did! She seems very happy with her job. She even gave us some delicious cookies.

**Ashmita:** That's amazing! I wish I could have spoken to her. Oh! I completely forgot about my phone, yet again! I have to go look for it.

Payal: Oh, yes! We got carried away with small talk. I'll make a call to the restaurant.

Maybe the staff will know something about your phone.

Ashmita: Thank you so much! I'll head back to my home now. It's getting late.

Payal: No problem! I shall let you know if I get to know something.

Let us observe the following sentences.

4. Fill in the blanks using appropriate distributives.

(a) each of the books written by him is worth reading at least once.

(b) I am sure each of them is aware that the date of submission has already passed.

- (c) Each one of my classmates was excited about the trip. But neither Shivani nor I was very keen.
- (d) Aradhana is a healthy person. Every morning, she goes jogging. Every Sunday, she practises yoga.
- (e) Each of these book clubs will win this year's Best Club prize.
- (f) My sister went for taekwondo classes every evening during the vacation.
- (g) Neither of us could go for the party as we both were unwell.
- (h) This apartment is very spacious. Each floor has a minimum of three balconies. The bedrooms on every floor has attached bathrooms.

**Read the following sentences.**

*There are some chocolates in the refrigerator for everyone.*



5. Identify the errors in the use of quantifiers and rewrite the following sentences correctly. Some sentences may have more than one correct answer.
- (a) I do not want to attend the fresher's party. There are ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> people I recognise there.
- (b) The patient in the general ward needs to drink a ~~few~~ <sup>little</sup> water.
- (c) ~~Much~~ <sup>Many</sup> streets in Pondicherry and Goa resemble a Portuguese settlement.
- (d) The government has appointed ~~little~~ <sup>few</sup> women ministers recently.
- (e) The business is on low demand, but we had either customers in the morning. ~~either~~ <sup>many</sup>
- (f) The programme started very late. The audience had ~~neither~~ <sup>neither</sup> patience to wait.

(g) The meeting hall was crowded, and I had <sup>no</sup> each chair to sit on.

(h) The seminar was attended by ~~any~~ people. They had a lot of fun during the <sup>many</sup> activities.

6. b) Which market is the closest landmark to your house.

c) What was your plan ~~about~~? / Whose plan it was to remove...?

d) Whose ~~phone~~ phone does she use?

e) How much ~~time~~ turmeric should be mixed...?

f) Which color should we choose?

g) How much calories did you consume today?

h) Who borrowed Swati's pen...?



*quantifier*

- (b) Despite being put in both music and dance classes, Shivani doesn't seem to be doing badly in either of them. *classical*
- (c) After listening to the lecturer speak for an hour, we looked at each other in confusion.
- (d) The major problem with recycling plastic is that the recycling process also pollutes the environment. *A*
- (e) While most of my friends agreed to go on the trip to Goa, some of them did not seem too keen. *A*
- (f) My mother was very particular that I study for a few hours before sitting down to watch TV. *Q*
- (g) Which of these curtains would complement my furniture? *P*
- (h) Anvita was under a lot of stress because her tenants hadn't paid the rent on time. *A*

Determiners can be classified into three kinds based on their position in a sentence.

Central determiners