

Definite Article Or No Article

Articles are not used in some common fixed expressions. Can you identify them? This grammar exercise tests your ability to use articles correctly.

1. usually start walking at around one year old.

Children

The children

Either could be used here

2. prices have nearly doubled recently.

Oil

The oil

Either could be used here

3. Do you like

cats

the cats

Either could be used here

4. I would like to meet Jumpa Lahiri,

writer

the writer

Definite Article Or No Article

Either could be used here

5. Do you know

Aldersons

The Aldersons

Either could be used here

6. My children love but I like

seaside, hills

the seaside, the hills

Either could be used here

7. Can I have pancake?

last

the last

Either could be used here

8. Have you ever heard of Years' War?

Thirty

The Thirty

Definite Article Or No Article

Either could be used here

9. I am in my family.

youngest

the youngest

Either could be used here

10. My brother and his wife live in

Please select 2 correct answers

London

the London

Either could be used here

11. Let's go by

train

the train

Either could be used here

12. I am tired. I think I should go to

bed

Definite Article Or No Article

the bed

Either could be used here

Answers

1. Children usually start walking at around one year old.
2. Oil prices have nearly doubled recently.
3. Do you like cats?
4. I would like to meet Jumpa Lahiri, the writer.
5. Do you know the Aldersons.
6. My children love the seaside but I like the hills.
7. Can I have the last pancake?
8. Have you ever heard of the Thirty Years' War?
9. I am the youngest in my family.
10. My brother and his wife live in London.
11. Let's go by train.
12. I am tired. I think I should go to bed.