Errors in the use of articles

Fill in the blanks.

1. ........................................... is the capital of China.

Beijing
The Beijing

2. I first met your Dad at ...................................

Walmart
the Walmart

3. He has failed in ........................................

English
the English

4. She died of ........................................

malaria
the malaria

5. She is ................................................. singer I have
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heard.

best
the best

6. The rose is ........................................ of all flowers.
sweetest
the sweetest

7. ........................................ is mortal.
The man
Man
A man

8. You are in ........................................
a trouble
the trouble
trouble

9. You are making ........................................
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progress.
a rapid
rapid

10. There is ..................................... scope for improvement.
a vast
vast
the vast

11. Your words are not worth
..........................................
penny
a penny

12. Don’t make ..........................................
noise
a noise

Answers
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1. Beijing is the capital of China.

2. I first met your Dad at Walmart.

3. He has failed in English.

4. She died of malaria.

5. She is the best singer I have heard.

6. The rose is the sweetest of all flowers.

7. Man is mortal.

8. You are in trouble.

9. You are making rapid progress.

10. There is vast scope for improvement.

11. Your words are not worth a penny.

12. Don’t make a noise.

Explanation

Questions 1 – 4

Proper nouns are the names of particular persons, countries, rivers etc. We do not use articles with proper nouns.

Question 5
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We use the with superlative adjectives.

Question 6, 7

In generalizations we usually use singular countable nouns with the article the. The nouns man and woman are exceptions to this rule. They can be used in a general sense without articles.

Questions 8 – 12

Some uncountable nouns cannot be used with articles. Examples are: progress, trouble and scope. Some can be used with articles in some cases.