



The Definite or Zero Article Exercise

ZERO

- church; prison ⇒ *The mayor was sent to prison*
- meals ⇒ *We have lunch at two*
- things in general *I love cheese*
- streets ⇒ *Oxford Street is in the centre of London*

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- shops ⇒ *He went to the baker's*
- specific things ⇒ *The cheese in that shop is great*
- People from countries *The French*
- the radio *I heard it on the radio*

A Fill the gaps with the correct answer in brackets.

- 1 We need to be at in an hour. (the airport / airport)
- 2 Blast! I forgot to (go to the bank / go to bank)
- 3 I'm tired. I'm going to now. (go to bed / go to the bed)
- 4 We always before we leave for work. (make bed / make the bed)
- 5** What time do you (have breakfast / have the breakfast)
- 6 I love (the cheese / cheese)
- 7 Have you seen in the new delicatessen? (the cheese / cheese)
- 8 Holistic medicine is practised by (the Chinese / Chinese)
- 9 Sadly, my girlfriend doesn't like food. (the Chinese / Chinese)
- 10 I hate going to, don't you? (the church / church)
- 11 We met for drinks in The Lamb and Flag near Garden. (the Covent / Covent)
- 12** I'm nervous because I've got to go to (the dentist / dentist)
- 13 I'm having at Begonya's tonight. (the dinner / dinner)
- 14 Why didn't someone tell me he was in? (the hospital / hospital)
- 15 Suzanne works at (the hospital / hospital)
- 16 HMV is in Street. (the Oxford / Oxford)
- 17** All politicians should be sent to (the prison / prison)
- 18** I listen to in the morning. (the radio / radio)
- 19 That pub is somewhere in of the city. (the south / south)
- 20 He lives somewhere in Germany. (the southern / southern)
- 21** I normally watch after dinner. (the TV / TV)
- 22** I loved being at (the university / university)
- 23 Her husband got home early from (the work / work)

B Check your answers and then put the words from the numbers in bold from A into the correct column.

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- make the bed
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Answers

- 1 We need to be at the airport in an hour.
- 2 Blast! I forgot to go to the bank.
- 3 I'm tired. I'm going to go to bed now.
- 4 We always make the bed before we leave for work.
- 5 What time do you have breakfast?
- 6 I love cheese.
- 7 Have you seen the cheese in the new delicatessen?
- 8 Holistic medicine is practised by the Chinese.
- 9 Sadly, my girlfriend doesn't like Chinese food.
- 10 I hate going to church, don't you?
- 11 We met for drinks in The Lamb and Flag near Covent Garden.
- 12 I'm nervous because I've got to go to the dentist.
- 13 I'm having dinner at Begonia's tonight.
- 14 Why didn't someone tell me he was in hospital?
- 15 Suzanne works at the hospital.
- 16 HMV is in Oxford Street.
- 17 All politicians should be sent to prison.
- 18 I listen to the radio in the morning.
- 19 That pub is somewhere in the south of the city.
- 20 He lives somewhere in southern Germany.
- 21 I normally watch TV after dinner.
- 22 I loved being at university.
- 23 Her husband got home early from work.

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