

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: Using Determiners

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G1.8) [Use the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel \[for example, a rock, an open box\]](#)

Terminology for pupils: (4G1.8) [determiner](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Sort the determiners into 'could' or 'could not' groups for use with a specific noun. Determiners include a, an, the, some, few and possessives.

Expected Sort the determiners into 'could' or 'could not' groups for use with a specific noun. Determiners include a, an, the and possessives.

Greater Depth Sort the determiners into 'could' or 'could not' groups for use with a specific noun. Determiners include a, an, the, possessives, numbers and ordinals.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Write a noun with one quantifying determiners (e.g. some, every) one article (e.g. a, an ,the) and one possessive determiner (e.g. my, his, her).

Expected Write a noun with two quantifying determiners (e.g. some, every) and a possessive determiner (e.g. my, your).

Greater Depth Write a noun with two quantifying determiner including numbers, ordinals (e.g. some, first) and two possessive determiners (e.g. my, your).

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Find and explain the incorrect use of a determiner. One error relating to 'a' or 'an'.

Expected Find and explain the incorrect use of a determiner. One error which could be for any reason.

Greater Depth Find and explain the incorrect use of a determiner. Multiple errors which could be for any reason.

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1a. Sort the determiners into the table below by deciding if they could be used before the given noun.

Could be used	Could not be used

Noun: apple

Determiners: a, an, the, my, your, some



A

1b. Sort the determiners into the table below by deciding if they could be used before the given noun.

Could be used	Could not be used

Noun: pears

Determiners: a, an, the, my, your, some



A

2a. Write a different noun for each of the following determiners:

Quantifying determiner:

some _____

Article:

a _____

Possessive determiner:

my _____



A

2b. Write a different noun for each of the following determiners:

Quantifying determiner:

a few _____

Article:

the _____

Possessive determiner:

his _____



A

3a. Find and explain the determiner which is used incorrectly in the passage below.

The old man gazed out at the wide ocean. He sighed as he looked at an distant lighthouse.



R

3b. Find and explain the determiner which is used incorrectly in the passage below.

Every morning, Jack walked the same route to school. His walk was over a hills and down by a stream.



R

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4a. Sort the determiners into the table below by deciding if they could be used before the given noun.

Could be used	Could not be used

Noun: ship

Determiners: a, an, the, my, your, some, their



A

Using Determiners

4b. Sort the determiners into the table below by deciding if they could be used before the given noun.

Could be used	Could not be used

Noun: books

Determiners: a, an, the, my, your, some, their



A

5a. Write a different noun for each of the following determiners:

Quantifying determiners:

some _____

many _____

Possessive determiner:

my _____



A

5b. Write a different noun for each of the following determiners:

Quantifying determiners:

every _____

most _____

Possessive determiner:

her _____



A

6a. Find and explain the determiner which is used incorrectly in the passage below.

I checked my watch over and over again. Many minutes had already passed but I was still waiting for most bus to arrive.



R

6b. Find and explain the determiner which is used incorrectly in the passage below.

Shafraz picked up his books. He needed to return all five books to the library. If he didn't, the fine would be very expensive. He quickly left the house carrying every books with him.



R

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7a. Sort the determiners into the table below by deciding if they could be used before the given noun.

Could be used	Could not be used

Noun: hats

Determiners: a, an, the, my, your, some, more, fewer, less, two



A

7b. Sort the determiners into the table below by deciding if they could be used before the given noun.

Could be used	Could not be used

Noun: wire

Determiners: a, an, the, my, your, some, more, fewer, less, five



A

8a. Write a different noun for each of the following determiners:

Quantifying determiners:

fourth _____

little _____

Possessive determiners:

their _____

our _____



A

8b. Write a different noun for each of the following determiners:

Quantifying determiners:

eight _____

several _____

Possessive determiners:

your _____

its _____



A

9a. Find and explain the determiners which are used incorrectly in the passage below.

Mum wanted us to put the cups on one table and the plates on another table. There were more plates than cups so we decided to put some of the plates on a extra table we had put out. Mum wasn't happy but she didn't have few better ideas.



R

9b. Find and explain the determiners which are used incorrectly in the passage below.

An hamburger costs three pounds. If you saved one pound a week, you would have to save our money for three weeks to be able to afford one. That is a lot of weeks to save for just one hamburger.



R

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Developing

- 1a. Could: an, the, my, your – Could not: a, some
2a. Various answers, for example: some sweets, a giraffe, my mother
3a. '...an distant lighthouse' – it is followed by a consonant sound so the determiner should be 'a'.

Expected

- 4a. Could: a, the, my, your, their – Could not: an, some
5a. Various answers, for example: some girls, many people, my coat
6a. '...most bus' – 'most' can only be used for a plural noun. It should be a determiner which modifies a singular noun.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Could: the, my, your, some, more, fewer, two – Could not: a, an, less
8a. Various answers, for example: fourth place, little choice, their garden, our school
9a. '...a extra' – 'a' should be 'an' because it is followed by a vowel sound. '...few better' – 'few' should be 'any' because the phrase needs to allow for unlimited answers/ideas.

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Developing

- 1b. Could: the, my, your, some – Could not: a, an
2b. Various answers, for example: a few people, the table, his cat
3b. '...a hills' – 'hills' is plural. It would need to be a determiner like 'the' or 'some'.

Expected

- 4b. Could: the, my, your, some, their – Could not: a, an
5b. Various answers, for example: every morning, most cars, her freinds
6b. '...every books' – 'every' could only be followed by 'book' not 'books'. It should be a determiner which modifies a plural noun.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Could: a, the, my, your, some, more, less – Could not: an, fewer, five
8b. Various answers, for example: eight spiders, several hours, your bag, its basket
9b. '...An hamburger...' – 'an' should be 'a' because hamburger starts with a consonant sound. '...our money' – 'our' should be 'your' as the money belongs to a single person.