

Article Exercise

Instructions:

Fill in the blanks (____) with either "a", "an", "the", or "X" if no article is needed.

Start with the email below. If you have time, you can work on the Beatles song on the right.

To: tbrowne@guinness.com

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Subject: Robot Troubles

Hi Tara,

I'm writing to tell you about ____ issue I've run into and to ask for ____ advice. My brother's oldest son is turning ten next month so I thought I should buy ____ boy ____ present. I thought he might like ____ robot, so I searched ____ Internet for ____ robot store. ____ only one in ____ city is at ____ Dundas and Kipling which is ____ 45 minute subway ride from my house! But anyway, I went to ____ store and found ____ nice looking robot. It said on ____ box that ____ robot needs three D cell batteries (sold separately, of course). ____ batteries came in ____ package of four, so now I have ____ extra battery. But that's not ____ trouble I was referring to.

____ problem started when I put in ____ batteries and turned ____ robot on. At first it was ____ pleasant experience. ____ robot did all ____ dishes in ____ sink and made me ____ very nice pasta dish for dinner. It even offered to make ____ dessert. I was full after all ____ pasta, so I declined. Then it offered to give me ____ back massage which I thought was ____ little too intimate for having turned it on ____ hour or so ago.

Since then, ____ robot won't leave me alone and follows me everywhere, even ____ bathroom. It's getting really annoying and I think it wouldn't make ____ good present anyway. I don't know ____ answer to this problem. Any thoughts? Should I give ____ robot ____ second chance, or should I just take out ____ batteries and call it ____ day?

All ____ best,
Albert

A Day in *the* Life

John Lennon/Paul McCartney

I read ____ news today, oh boy
About ____ lucky man who made ____ grade.
And though ____ news was rather sad,
Well I just had to laugh.

I saw ____ photograph.
He blew his mind out in ____ car.
He didn't notice that ____ lights had changed.
____ crowd of people stood and stared.
They'd seen his face before.
Nobody was really sure
If he was from ____ House of Lords.

I saw ____ film today, oh boy.
____ English army had just won ____ war.
____ crowd of people turned away.
But I just had to look,
Having read ____ book.
I'd love to turn you on.

Woke up; fell out of ____ bed.
Dragged ____ comb across my head.
Found my way downstairs and drank ____ cup.
And looking up I noticed I was late.
Found my coat and grabbed my hat.
Made ____ bus in seconds flat.
Found my way upstairs and had ____ smoke.
Somebody spoke and I went into ____ dream.

I read ____ news today, oh boy.
Four thousand holes in Blackburn, Lancashire.
And though ____ holes were rather small,
They had to count them all.
Now they know how many holes it takes to fill
____ Albert Hall.
I'd love to turn you on.