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1 Determiners

A determiner is a **word** or a **group of words** that **specifies**, **identifies** or **quantifies** a **noun** or a **noun phrase**.

Types of Determiners

Determiners
- Articles
- Demonstratives
- Possessives
- Quantifiers
- Numerals

1. Articles

The articles **'a'**, **'an'** and **'the'** are classified as **determiners** because they **specify** nouns. They let the reader/listener know whether a noun has been mentioned previously. The definite article 'the' signifies that it has, whereas the indefinite articles 'a' and 'an' signify that it hasn't. Additionally, there are specific instances where only 'the', 'a' or 'an' can be used.

2. Demonstratives

The words **'this'**, **'that', 'these'** and **'those'** are known as **demonstratives**. Remember that these words act as **demonstrative determiners** only when they are **followed by nouns**. In **other cases** they act as **demonstrative pronouns**.

e.g. ♦ This house is mine. (*Demonstrative Determiner*) ♦ This is my house. (*Demonstrative Pronoun*)

3. Possessives

The words **'my'**, **'your', 'his', 'her', 'its', 'our', 'your'** and **'their'** are known as **possessives**. Unlike demonstrative determiners and pronouns, possessive determiners and pronouns are **not the same**. The words **'mine'**, **'yours'**, **'his'**, **'hers'**, **'its'**, **'ours'**, **'yours'** and **'theirs'** are known as **possessive pronouns**.

e.g. ♦ Is this your coat? *(Possessive Determiner)* ♦ Is this coat yours? *(Possessive Pronoun)*

[Note: *Demonstrative and possessive pronoun are explained in detail in Ch. 5 pronous***]**

4. Quantifiers

The words which are placed before nouns to indicate their **amount** or **quantity** are known as **quantifiers**. They are classified as follows:

Quantifiers used with Countable Nouns	Quantifiers used with Uncountable Nouns	Quantifiers used with both Countable and Uncountable Nouns
many	much	some
few	little	any
several	a bit of	all
each	a great deal of	no
every	a large amount of	none
either/neither		enough
both		a lot of
half		
a number of		
a large number of		
a great number of		
a majority of		

5. Numerals

When numerals appear before nouns in order to **quantify** them they are known as **numeral determiners.** They are further divided into: **cardinals** (one, two, three etc.) and **ordinals** (first, second, third etc.)

e.g. ♦ I have one dog. ♦ I am first in line.

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Order of Determiners

More than one determiner can be used to modify a noun. In such cases there is an order in which determiners must be placed generally. The order can be remembered by using the mnemonic **'QUADPN'**.

QU: Quantifier**, A**: Articles**, D**: Demonstratives**, P**: Possessives**, N**: Numerals

e.g.

Pre-Determiners	Main Determiners			Post-Determiners		Nouns
Quantifiers	Articles	Demonstratives	Possessives	Numerals		
				Ordinal	Cardinal	
all	the					boys
some (of)		these				apples
			my		three	brothers
half	a					cup
none (of)		those			four	people
			his	first	two	books

Exercises

Textual Exercise

Q1. From the following sentences, underline the Nouns and pick out the Determiners that specify the noun in a noun phrase. ***(Lesson 3.3 – Stephen Hawking)***

i. He lost his voice for good.
ii. Over the years, Hawking has written 15 books.
iii. These three books articulate his search for science's Holy Grail.
iv. A few events prevented him from despondency.
v. That dream made him realize it.

[***Note:*** *Nouns have been explained in detail in Ch.4. Nouns*]

Textbook based Exercise

Q2. From the following sentences, underline the Nouns and pick out the Determiners that specify the noun in a noun phrase.

i. I took a new name every month.
ii. Few other men would have done it.
iii. The hermit again gave no answer.
iv. Today I want to tell you three stories from my life.
v. I haven't heard any of his music.

Q3. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners.

i. What are you doing _____ days? (these / this)
ii. He spends _____ his money on clothes. (all of / each of)
iii. _____ my friends like to play basketball. (any of / some of)
iv. _____ these candidates will be selected for the job. (either of / a lot of)
v. Give me _____ book that you had borrowed from me. (a / the)
vi. _____ people like both coffee and tea. (many / much)
vii. There is _____ milk in the bottle. (few / little)
viii. _____ mangoes were rotten. (a large number of / a large amount of)
ix. _____ us did not like the new movie. (enough of / a lot of)
x. Are these _____ shoes? (her / hers)

Additional Exercise

Q4. Arrange the determiners in the proper order and rewrite these sentences.

i. _____ (the, all) teachers helped the students.
ii. It has been a long time since _____ (two, our) families met.
iii. _____ (first, the, three) episodes of this show are the amazing.
iv. _____ (my, neither of) sisters is older than me.
v. I bought _____ (all, these) gifts for you.

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1 Synonyms and Antonyms

Synonyms: A synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word in the same language. For example, 'small' and 'little' are synonyms.

Word		Synonym	Word		Synonym	Word		Synonym
abbreviate	–	condense	ability	–	skill	absolve	–	forgive
acumen	–	brilliance	achieve	–	attain	angry	–	furious
appreciate	–	cherish	beautiful	–	attractive	bossy	–	controlling
cold	–	chilly	create	–	produce	cute	–	adorable
different	–	distinct	difficult	–	strenuous	encumbrance	–	obstacle
eager	–	keen	eccentric	–	abnormal	enormous	–	colossal
eradicate	–	exterminate	feud	–	quarrel	frivolous	–	petty
fragile	–	weak	falter	–	stumble	forsake	–	renounce
gloomy	–	bleak	grudge	–	hatred	generosity	–	altruism
honour	–	reverence	harass	–	irritate	hamper	–	prevent
hazard	–	danger	hasty	–	impetuous	impartial	–	unbiased
importance	–	significance	immaculate	–	impeccable	inevitable	–	unavoidable
immerse	–	submerge	impediment	–	obstruction	infringe	–	violate
insolvent	–	destitute	intricate	–	complicated	jaded	–	tired
just	–	honest	juvenile	–	young	jovial	–	cheerful
lure	–	attract	lunacy	–	insanity	liable	–	accountable
lenient	–	merciful	lavish	–	excessive	mandatory	–	compulsory
malice	–	animosity	mitigate	–	reduce	momentous	–	notable
modest	–	humble	nullify	–	cancel	novice	–	beginner
obtain	–	acquire	obvious	–	evident	ominous	–	inauspicious
outbreak	–	eruption	obscure	–	vague	prudence	–	discretion
predicament	–	dilemma	precarious	–	doubtful	paramount	–	foremost
pacify	–	appease	quell	–	reduce	quaint	–	strange
redeem	–	recover	reluctant	–	hesitant	raid	–	incursion
ravage	–	destroy	remorse	–	regret	ratify	–	approve
succinct	–	concise	sacred	–	divine	spurious	–	fake
sneer	–	mock	savage	–	wild	scanty	–	scarce
sycophant	–	flatterer	tedious	–	tiresome	tremble	–	shake
timid	–	fearful	trivial	–	insignificant	tranquil	–	calm
unusual	–	unique	urge	–	desire	utterly	–	completely
uncouth	–	uncivilised	vilify	–	defame	vivacious	–	animated
vain	–	proud	virtue	–	Morality			

Antonym: An antonym is a word opposite in meaning to another word in the same language. For example, 'hot' and 'cold' are antonyms. Antonyms may also be formed by the addition of prefixes or suffixes.

Word		Antonym	Word		Antonym	Word		Antonym
admit	×	deny	advance	×	retreat	accurate	×	inaccurate
accidental	×	intentional	amateur	×	professional	ally	×	enemy
brave	×	cowardly	bitter	×	sweet	borrow	×	lend
break	×	fix	cease	×	begin	certain	×	uncertain
cheerful	×	sad	cold	×	hot	dry	×	wet
dark	×	light	destroy	×	create	depart	×	arrive
early	×	late	easy	×	difficult	empty	×	full
extreme	×	moderate	future	×	past	funny	×	serious
front	×	rear	forget	×	remember	follow	×	lead
foreigner	×	native	finish	×	start	false	×	true
guilty	×	innocent	guest	×	host	giant	×	dwarf

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generous	×	selfish		here	×	there		humble	×	proud
humane	×	inhumane		horizontal	×	vertical		hinder	×	aid
hilly	×	flat		happy	×	sad		harmful	×	harmless
interrupt	×	continue		interior	×	exterior		insult	×	compliment
inferior	×	superior		junior	×	senior		justice	×	injustice
knowledge	×	ignorance		kind	×	cruel		love	×	hate
life	×	death		less	×	more		learn	×	teach
laugh	×	cry		lazy	×	industrious		minor	×	major
maximum	×	minimum		master	×	servant		many	×	few
near	×	distant		never	×	always		narrow	×	broad
new	×	ancient		over	×	under		outside	×	inside
open	×	closed		occupied	×	vacant		public	×	private
powerful	×	weak		poor	×	rich		permit	×	forbid
quiet	×	noisy		quick	×	slow		question	×	answer
rural	×	urban		rich	×	poor		repair	×	damage
receive	×	send		raise	×	lower		sunny	×	cloudy
summer	×	winter		sugar	×	salt		start	×	stop
soft	×	hard		short	×	long		useful	×	useless
ugly	×	beautiful		victory	×	defeat		voluntary	×	compulsory
violent	×	gentle		village	×	town		west	×	east
wedding	×	divorce		immortality	×	mortality		Violence	×	peace
well – known	×	unknown		slavery	×	liberty		Arrogant	×	humble
Finally	×	initially		Depressed	×	exhilarated		Disqualify	×	qualify
Diffident	×	confident		Float	×	sunk				

[***Note:*** *The synonym or antonym of any word must be in the same part of speech as the original word. For example, the synonyms 'ability' and 'skill' are both nouns and the antonyms 'fail' and 'succeed' are both verbs.*]

Exercises

Textbook based Exercise

Q1. Give synonyms of the following words.

i.	successful	ii.	kind	iii.	purpose	iv.	thin	v.	appealing
vi.	pleasant	vii.	startled	viii.	rich	ix.	poor	x.	greedy
xi.	trust	xii.	nervous	xiii.	king	xiv.	idea	xv.	begin
xvi.	important	xvii.	reward	xviii.	hermit	xix.	wisdom	xx.	wound
xxi.	enemy	xxii.	beg	xxiii.	business	xxiv.	necessary	xxv.	peace
xxvi.	liberate	xxvii.	recall	xxviii.	journey	xxix.	exhausted	xx.	accept
xxxi.	aim	xxxii.	progress	xxxiii.	emerging	xxxiv.	transform	xxv.	request
xxvi.	ignorance								

Q2. Give antonyms of the following words.

i.	better	ii.	accelerates	iii.	humility	iv.	true	v.	removed
vi.	clear	vii.	pure	viii.	ethical	ix.	exact	x.	relevant
xi.	tranquility	xii.	active	xiii.	accessible	xiv.	easy	xv.	simplified
xvi.	newest	xvii.	against	xviii.	atypical	xix.	early	xx.	diminished
xxi.	included	xxii.	created	xxiii.	began	xxiv.	attached	xxv.	limited
xxv.	modest	xxvii.	practical	xxviii.	first	xxix.	expensive	xx.	inadequate
xxxi.	better	xxxii.	satisfaction	xxxiii.	observe				

Additional Exercise

Q3. Give synonyms of the following words.

i.	abandon	ii.	adjourn	iii.	ambitious	iv.	confess	v.	break
vi.	concur	vii.	conflict	viii.	coarse	ix.	centre	x.	choose
xi.	connect	xii.	decide						

Q4. Give antonyms of the following words.

i.	awful	ii.	ancestor	iii.	boring	iv.	conceal	v.	divide
vi.	everything	vii.	general	viii.	harvest	ix.	imprison	x.	niece
xi.	probably								

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Idioms

Idiom: A group of words having a figurative meaning that cannot be deduced from the literal meanings of the individual words and must be learned as a whole is known as an idiom.

	Idiom	Meaning	Sentence
1.	a piece of cake	very easy	The students found the exam to be a piece of cake.
2.	be in hot water	be in trouble	The surgeon found himself in hot water after being accused of stealing organs.
3.	be in the dark	be unaware of something	The employees were in the dark about the financial position of the company.
4.	be on thin ice	be in a risky situation	I am on thin ice because I've been skipping school for three days in a row.
5.	be on the same page	understand and agree with someone	I don't think we are on the same page about the issue.
6.	be under the weather	feel ill	Rohan is feeling under the weather so he won't be coming to work today.
7.	bite the bullet	decide to do something unpleasant	I hate skipping work to go to the bank but I will just have to bite the bullet.
8.	cost an arm and a leg	be very expensive	He wants to buy a house in Colaba but it will definitely cost him an arm and a leg.
9.	cut corners	do something in the cheapest way, often by omitting to do something important	When the phone stopped working within a couple of weeks it was obvious the makers had cut corners.
10.	face the music	face the consequences of something one has done	She was caught lying about her qualifications and now she will have to face the music.
11.	get the picture	understand the situation	I hadn't even narrated the entire incident but he got the picture.
12.	hit the sack	go to sleep	I've got a busy day tomorrow, so I think I'll hit the sack.
13.	kick the bucket	die	The king's brother was greedily waiting for him to kick the bucket.
14.	once in a blue moon	rarely	An opportunity like this only presents itself once in a blue moon.
15.	spill the beans	reveal secret information	We didn't spill the beans but he knew that we were throwing him a party.
16.	tie the knot	get married	They are yet to pick a date to tie the knot.

Textual Exercise

Q1. Fill in the gaps choosing the appropriate idioms: ***(Lesson 2.3 – Connecting the Dots)***

(drown out, hits in the head with a brick, get ones affairs in order, connect the dots, begin to dawn, stay hungry)

i. The wealthy landlord made a will _____ before he could die.
ii. Those who aspire for success should always _____to learn more.
iii. If you _____, you will realise that crime ultimately leads to poverty.
iv. The siren of the ambulance _____all other traffic noise.
v. When the father learned about his son's misdeeds, it _____
vi. On reading exactly same essays in both answer sheets, it _____ the examiner, that the students had cheated during exams.

Q2. Use the following idioms/phrases in sentences of your own: ***(Lesson 2.3 – Connecting the Dots)***

i.	drop in	ii.	drop out	iii.	stumble on	iv.	look backwards
v.	look forward	vi.	let (someone) down	vii.	sign off	viii.	begin anew

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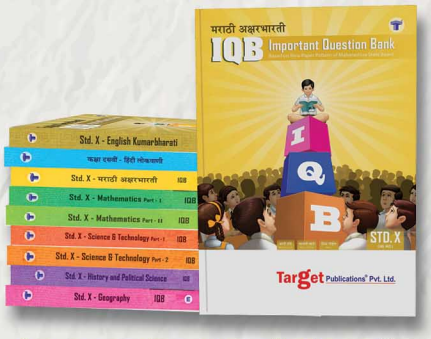

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