

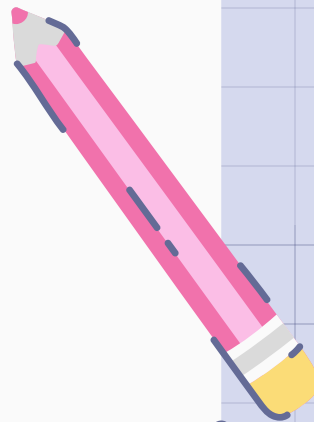


Unit: 4



Lesson B :

First!



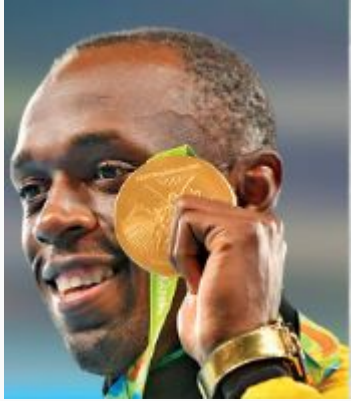
Objective:



By the end of the lesson cadets will be able to use articles and speak about social media using technology collocations



1 A Work in groups. Look at the photos. What famous 'firsts' do you think the people achieved? Check your answers on page 146.



Do you know of any other famous first?

2A Read the paragraph about another famous first. Why do some people believe Santos Dumont was 'the first'?

Who made the first flight? ^a**Books** about the history of flight often say it was the Wright brothers, but some people believe it was ^b**an inventor** called Alberto Santos Dumont. So, did the first flight happen in ^c**a field** in North Carolina, USA, or in ^d**France**, where the Brazilian Santos Dumont lived? On December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright succeeded in getting their plane into the air for twelve seconds. Three years later, on October 23, 1906, Santos Dumont also flew. ^e**The Brazilian's** flight was watched by hundreds of people as well as experts from the Aéro-Club de France, an organisation dedicated to flying machines. This was very different to the Wright brothers' flight, which hardly anyone saw. For this reason, many people in Europe didn't believe that the Wright brothers had really flown. The puzzle of who made the first flight remains one of ^f**the biggest** questions in aeroplane history, and we may never know the answer.

B Look at the words in bold (a–f) in the paragraph. Match them with the rules (1–6).

We use *a/an*:

- 1 the first time something is mentioned (new information) **c**
- 2 with jobs

We use *the*:

- 3 when we know which person or thing we are talking about
- 4 with superlatives

We use no article:

- 5 when we talk generally about people and things
- 6 with most names of places

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Articles

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We usually use articles in front of nouns, for various purposes.

Use *a/an* (indefinite article):

- the first time something is mentioned.

I saw **a** mouse in the kitchen.



- before a singular noun when the speaker doesn't know which one.

She's watching **a** film.



- with jobs.

I'm **a** doctor. He's **an** artist.



Use *the* (definite article):

- when there is only one of something.

I see **the** Sun.



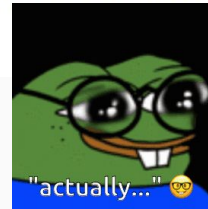
- when the speaker knows which one, e.g. it has been mentioned before.

I got on a plane. **The** plane (that I was talking about) was huge!



- with seas, oceans, rivers and country names that are plural or use extra words like *Kingdom*.

the River Danube, **the** Pacific Ocean, **the** United Kingdom



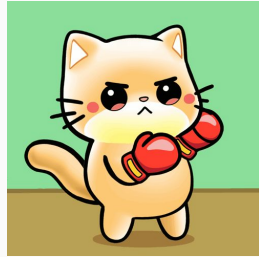
- before the names of some areas.

the south of France, **the** coast of Italy



- with superlatives.

Ali was **the** greatest boxer.



- with some defining expressions.

the first, **the** only

- in some phrases with prepositions.

in **the** morning, at **the** end, by **the** next day

- with dates in spoken English.

the fifth of June

Use no article (zero article):

- to talk generally about things or people.

- with most names of towns, cities and countries.

I live in Paris.

- before plural nouns.

I bought six bottles of water.

- in some phrases with prepositions.

on Monday, at work, for lunch, on foot

- with sports.

I like tennis. He plays football.

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Practice

1. Choose the correct alternatives.

1. My parents are both doctors.
2. We live on west coast of France.
3. My son's been plumber for about five years.
4. That bike's blue but one I had was red.
5. I was at work when you called yesterday.
6. It's common that homes are bigger here than in the city.
7. Yuri Gagarin was first man in space.
8. I grew up in Delhi.
9. I've just bought new pair of trainers.
10. Do you think that it's usual for people to work too hard these days?

1. -
2. the
3. a
4. the
5. -
6. -
7. the
8. -
9. a
10. -

2. Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1. I have mobile phone.

I have a mobile phone.

2. I think YouTube is best platform for video sharing.

I think YouTube is the best platform for video sharing.

3. Are you ready to go? Flight leaves at 6 p.m.

Are you ready to go? The flight leaves at 6 p.m.

4. I saw a doctor about my pain. Fortunately, a doctor said it was nothing serious.

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5. Bobby's girlfriend is engineer.

Bobby's girlfriend is an engineer.

6. The women live longer than men.

Women live longer than men..

7. We went to a party, but there weren't the many people there.

We went to a party, but there weren't many people there.

8. We looked up and saw an aeroplane in sky.

We looked up and saw an aeroplane in the sky.

9. I work as cleaner in an office.

I work as a cleaner in an office.

10. My wife and I have lived in USA for several years.

My wife and I have lived in The USA for several years..

C  Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

1 Do you know what time is?

a a **b** an **c** the

2 That building is ugliest I've ever seen.

a a **b** an **c** the

3 Danny is excited because he went to the zoo and saw elephant for the first time.

a a **b** an **c** the

4 I need plumber to come and fix this sink. Do you know anyone I can call?

a a **b** an **c** the

5 Look at how bright moon is tonight.

a a **b** an **c** the

6 I'd love to live in house in a nice place with a huge garden.

a a **b** an **c** the

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Reading / vocabulary

4A Do you know when different kinds of technology were first used? Work in pairs. Look at the questions about 'firsts' and choose the correct date.

When was the first ... ?

- 1 webpage (1981 / 1991 / 2001)
- 2 video game (1958 / 1978 / 1998)
- 3 YouTube video (1995 / 2000 / 2005)
- 4 Instagram post (1990 / 2000 / 2010)
- 5 call made on a mobile phone (1973 / 1999 / 2010)
- 6 selfie (1839 / 1950 / 1989)
- 7 text message (1982 / 1992 / 2002)
- 8 Tweet (1996 / 2006 / 2016)

Try to guess the dates



Famous Tech Firsts

Frenchman Louis Daguerre invented the camera. But Robert Cornelius made changes to the invention and in 1839 tried an experiment using his own image. To **take the picture**, he sat still for fifteen minutes. The result was the very first selfie.

The first mobile phone call took place in 1973. Martin Cooper, an employee of the mobile phone company Motorola®, made it. And who did he call? His loved ones? His manager? No. He **made a call** to a competitor and explained that he'd won the race to invent the mobile phone. The invention weighed more than 1 kg and took ten hours to charge.

The first YouTube video appeared on 23 April, 2005. It was called 'meet me at the zoo' and it consisted of eighteen seconds of a boy talking about elephants! It didn't exactly **go viral**, but it did **launch a website** that has been incredibly popular ever since.

The first Instagram post was a photo of a dog next to a woman's foot. The photo was taken by the co-founder of Instagram, Kevin Systrom. The date was July 16, 2010, the place was a taco stand in Todos Santos, Mexico, and the foot belonged to Systrom's girlfriend. From these simple beginnings, Instagram became *the* place to **share videos** and photos.

1839



1958



1973



1991



1992



2005



2006



2010

William Higinbotham and Robert Dvorak created the world's first video game in 1958. It was a version of tennis. They developed the game to show to visitors at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, where they worked. Many years later, a similar game, called Pong, became famous. Now if you want a video game, you don't need to go to any lab – you just **download an app**.

The first webpage **went live** on 6 August, 1991. Tim Berners-Lee's invention showed how to **create webpages!** People read it to **find information** that, eventually, changed the world.

The first text message appeared on 3 December, 1992. Neil Papworth, working on SMS for Vodafone, **sent the message** 'Merry Christmas'. The new development grew quickly: now about 5 billion people (65 percent of the world's population) send and **receive texts**.

The first tweet appeared at 12.50 p.m. PST on 21 March, 2006, sent by the co-founder of Twitter, Jack Dorsey. It read 'just setting up my twttr'. At the time, Twitter was still called Twttr. Since then, 1.3 billion people have **created accounts** on Twitter, and there have even been tweets sent by astronauts from space.

Vocabulary:



- **take a picture** – use a camera or phone to capture an image
- **make a call** – phone someone to talk
- **go viral** – become extremely popular online very quickly
- **launch a website** – make a new website available on the internet
- **share videos** – send or post videos for others to see
- **download an app** – get an app from the internet onto your device
- **go live** – broadcast video in real time
- **create web pages** – design and build pages for a website
- **send a message** – write and deliver a text or chat to someone
- **receive texts** – get messages sent to your phone
- **create accounts** – register your information to use a website or app



These are in infinitive. REMEMBER that you can change their tense!

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Did you get them right?



6A Look at the phrases in bold in the text. Complete the sentences (1–12) with the correct form of the phrases. Make any other changes necessary.

- 1 When we **launched a website** last year, we didn't expect so many people to visit it so quickly!
- 2 Some of her videos on YouTube have **gone viral** and been watched millions of times.
- 3 I **sent a message** to Jenny yesterday, but I don't think she's read it yet!
- 4 Excuse me, can I borrow your phone? I need to **make a call** and it's urgent.
- 5 My new website **goes live** tomorrow afternoon! Take a look!
- 6 The food looked amazing, so I **took a picture** on my phone. I'll send it to you.
- 7 I **received a text** this morning saying I should call this number.
- 8 It's easy to **create an account** on their website. You just use your email address and add a password.
- 9 I'm going to **create a webpage** so I can sell my products online.
- 10 I use this website to **find information** about different subjects I'm interested in.
- 11 I **share videos** with my friends on Instagram, and they like them the same. I love watching them.
- 12 Why don't you **download an app** to your phone so you can keep track of your fitness goals?

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Speaking

7A Read questions 1–4 and think about your answers.

- 1 What social media do you use and for what reasons (personal, professional, etc.)?
- 2 Do you take pictures or make videos on your phone? What types of things? Do you post them on social media?



- 3 Can you remember the first or last time you did these things?

commented on a webpage downloaded an app
found a great website shared a video or photo

- 4 What are your favourite websites for the following activities? Why do you like them?

getting news online shopping
planning holidays/travelling
studying watching videos