

## Grammar and Vocabulary

### Lesson 4 – A

#### Topic: COMPUTERS

Aim:

1. Understand meanings and practice using words related to computers appropriately
2. Review Articles.

#### I. VOCABULARY

##### Exercise 1: Let's Review Words ! (5–6minutes)

Identify the meaning of the underlined words. Choose the best answer from the choices that follow. Then, practice using the the underlined words in sentences.

1. Protect your business from malicious code from websites and in emails, reduce unwanted spam and prevent users from accessing inappropriate websites.
  - a. a kind of canned luncheon meat
  - b. to send such e-mail to
  - c. unsolicited e-mail
  - d. a trademark used for a canned meat product
2. You should learn how to protect home computers and networks from the hazards of the Internet by using personal firewall and anti-malware software.
  - a. risk
  - b. free
  - c. warning
  - d. sign
3. Is there some way to disable the disk cache for the floppy drive?
  - a. make able
  - b. make unable
  - c. cripple
  - d. incapacitate
4. Hovering the cursor over the map reveals which Local Plan policies are applicable to the area.
  - a. moving
  - b. flying
  - c. skating
  - d. floating
5. Cameras can face forward or to the rear by adding or adjusting the mounting hardware.
  - a. climbing
  - b. mountain
  - c. increasing
  - d. ascending

## Exercise 2: Let's use the words! (5-7 minutes)

Complete this article using the words from the box.

badly

pioneer

computer

wrong

bugs

moth

origins

Ever wondered about the origins of the term “bugs” as applied to \_\_\_\_\_ technology? The 74-year-old captain, who is still on active duty, was a \_\_\_\_\_ in computer technology during World War II. At the C.W. Post Center of Long Island University, Hopper told a group of Long Island public school administrators that the first computer “bug” was a real bug-- a \_\_\_\_\_. At Harvard one August night in 1945, Hopper and her associates were working on the “granddaddy” of modern computers, the Mark I. “Things were going \_\_\_\_\_; there was something \_\_\_\_\_ in one of the circuits of the long glass-enclosed computer,” she said. “Finally, someone located the trouble spot and, using ordinary tweezers, removed the problem, a two-inch moth. From then on, when anything went wrong with a computer, we said it had \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

## II. GRAMMAR REVIEW.

Topic: Articles

What are articles?

**Articles** are used to clarify if a noun is specific or if a noun is not specific.

They are used before the nouns or adjective.

There are 2 kinds of articles:

- Definite articles – are used for specific nouns.
- **"The" – is a definite articles**

Indefinite articles – are used for non specific nouns.

- **"A- An" are indefinite articles**
- It is used to refer to a noun that is not something or someone specific such as a pen, an apple, a bus).
- " A" or "An" is used when it is not important as to which the noun is referring to (example: an apple on the table, a pen on the table or a book from the room).
- It is unknown as to which the noun is referring to (example: a teacher in the hall, a letter in the mail box, a car in the street).
- "A" is used if the letter before the next word starts with a consonant (not a vowel a, e, i, o, u).
- An is used if the letter for the next word starts with a vowel (a, e, I, o, u).

**Examples:**

- I see a dog in the street. \*
- The girls see the big black dog on the other side of the street. \*\*
- Please bring me a pen.\*

- Please bring me the black pen that is on my desk.\*\*
- I think that is a teacher from the school.\*
- I think that is the math teacher.\*\*

**A** refers to something that is not specific, it is not clear or important as to which dog, pen or teacher.

\*\* The refers to a specific pen "the black pen" not just any pen, "the big black dog" not just any dog, and "math teacher" not just any teacher.

### Exercise 1: Let's try this out!

Error recognition

Identify the one underlined word or phrase that should be corrected or rewritten. Then, write the correct sentence.

1. Peter is an computer engineer.

A B C D

2. The additional option to install themes in order to change the actual user

A B C D  
interface.

3. The information becomes power as soon as you act.

A B C D

4. We are working hard to provide the best quality books at a lowest prices.

A B C D

5. This database is a little bit special, because each vendor has agreed to provide

A B C  
the rock solid "90 Day Money Back Guarantee".  
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