

Grammar and Vocabulary

Lesson 5 – A

Topic: Electronics

Aim:

1. Understand meanings and practice using words related to electronics appropriately.
2. Review Unspecified Count Nouns without THE.

I. VOCABULARY

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

Choose the meaning of the underlined words from the choices that follow. Then practice using the words in your own sentences.

1. When we record we use the old analog 24 track tapes and try to keep everything analog.
 - a. continue
 - b. present
 - c. in numerical amounts
 - d. discrete quantities
2. Survival School has worked with a vast range of companies on programs which have been shown on cable, satellite and terrestrial television.
 - a. earthly
 - b. teletext
 - c. digital
 - d. recent
3. The radio crackled into life once more, only for us to discover they had still not turned up at camp.
 - a. bumped
 - b. crushed
 - c. played
 - d. fell
4. Keep your refrigerator amply stocked with our complimentary grocery shopping service.
 - a. terribly
 - b. surely
 - c. fully
 - d. uncertainly
5. Before buying any portable air conditioner make sure you can answer these questions.
 - a. heavy
 - b. huge
 - c. weightless
 - d. movable

Exercise 2: What's the word? (5–7 minutes)

Choices:

a. pick	b. building	c. choose	d. outline
e. benefits	f. computer	g. same	

How to Choose Components for _____ a Computer

1. _____ the _____ you're seeking from building your own.
2. Select your motherboard and your CPU (central processing unit) at the time.
3. Select your case.
4. Select RAM (Random Access Memory).
5. Select hard drives.
6. Select a disk drive.
7. _____ an OS (operating system).

II. GRAMMAR REVIEW:

Topic: Unspecified Count Noun without THE.

A **count noun** is a noun that is distinct and can be counted. It can be both singular and plural in form. Often, articles are used to show whether a noun is specified or unspecified. For unspecified count nouns, the articles "a" or "an" are used.

"a" : used if the first letter of the count noun is a consonant. (ex. a bag, a school)

"an" : used if the first letter of the count noun is a vowel. (ex. an egg, an ambassador)

Remember: For unspecified singular count nouns, use articles "a" or "an". For unspecified plural count nouns (meaning "all" or "in general"), do not use any articles.

Examples:

Unspecified Singular Count Nouns

Article	Count Noun	
A	dog	is walking to the park.
An	egg	was served in the morning.

Unspecified Plural Count

Article	Count Noun	
(no article)	Dogs	are walking to the park.
(no article)	Eggs	were served in the morning.

Exercise 1: Let's try this out!

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

1. I purchase an anti-static wrist bands.

A B C D

2. You should take an extra care.

A B C D

3. He forgot to plug in a power supply.

A B C D

4. It will usually cost under a half as much as a retail license.

A B C D

5. The quality and a price of a component are often linked.

A B C D