



A RAINY DAY MYSTERY

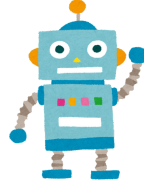
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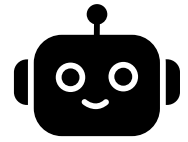
- What do you usually do on rainy days?
- Have you ever found a secret or hidden place at home?
- What would you do if you saw a tiny door behind a bookshelf?
- Do you like robots? What do you think a friendly robot would do?
- Have you ever tried "rainbow tea"? What could it taste like?



Vocabulary

Match the words with the images below.

Rainy Stuck	Tiny Rusty	Staircase Robot	Apron Rainbow
			
_____	_____	_____	_____
			
_____	_____	_____	_____



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It was **a** cold and rainy day. Mia and her little brother Max were stuck inside the house. Mia looked out **the** window and sighed. "There's nothing fun to do on **a** day like this," she said.

Just then, Max pointed to **a** small door behind **the** bookshelf. "What's that?" he asked.

Mia had never seen it before. It was **a** tiny wooden door with **an** old rusty handle. She turned **the** handle slowly and opened it. Inside was **a** narrow staircase!

"Let's go!" Max whispered. They tiptoed down **the** stairs. At the bottom, they found **a** room full of boxes. On **the** table was **an** open book. The pages were filled with drawings of clouds, sun, and rainbows.

"This is **a** weather book!" said Mia. "Look, here's **a** page about rain clouds!" Max found **an** umbrella leaning against **the** wall. "Do you think this is **a** weather lab?" he asked.

Then they saw **the** biggest surprise of all — **a** small robot wearing **an** apron! It was stirring something in **a** bowl.

"Hello," said **the** robot. "Would you like **a** cup of rainbow tea?"

Mia and Max looked at each other. This was **the** most exciting rainy day ever! They sat down on **a** soft chair and drank **the** warm, colorful tea. It tasted like honey and lemons.

Comprehension

"Do you live here?" Mia asked.

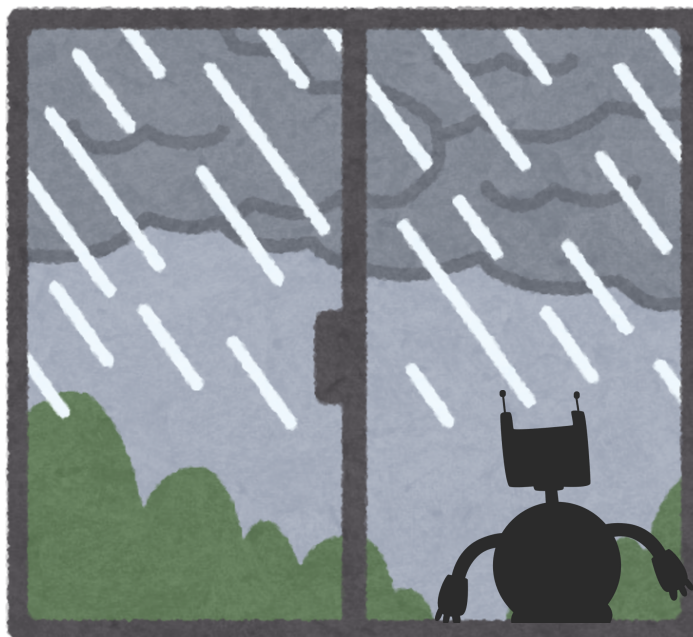
"No," said **the** robot. "I come on rainy days to make people smile."

Max giggled. "You're like **a** weather wizard!"

Mia and Max spent **the** afternoon learning about clouds and drawing their own weather maps.

When it was time to leave, **the** robot gave them **a** tiny sun sticker. "Stick this on **a** rainy window, and it will make your day brighter," he said.

Back upstairs, Mia smiled. "Rainy days aren't boring at all," she said. "They're full of mystery and magic!"



Questions



Write your answers on the lines below.

1. Where were Mia and Max at the beginning of the story?

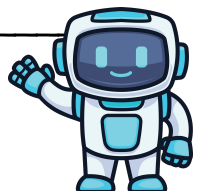
2. What did Max find behind the bookshelf?

3. What was inside the secret room?

4. What was the robot doing when they found him?

5. What special drink did the robot offer?

6. What gift did the robot give them before they left?



Advanced Use of Articles (a, an, the)

☀ Quick Rules Recap

a = one of many, used before consonant sounds

*Example: Mia saw **a** cat.*

an = one of many, used before vowel sounds

*Example: She found **an** old map.*

the = a specific one that everyone knows or has already been mentioned

*Example: They walked into **the** secret room.*

🔍 Advanced Usage Tips:

1. First mention vs. later mention

We use **a/an** the first time we talk about something.

*E.g. I saw **a** dog.*

Then we use **the** when we talk about it again.

*E.g. **The*** dog barked loudly.**

2. Unique things → Always use **the**

*E.g. **the** sun, **the** moon, **the** sky, **the** Queen*

3. Superlatives → Always use **the**

*E.g. **the** best, **the** biggest, **the** most fun*

4. Specific groups or known things

*E.g. She opened **the** door behind **the** bookshelf.*

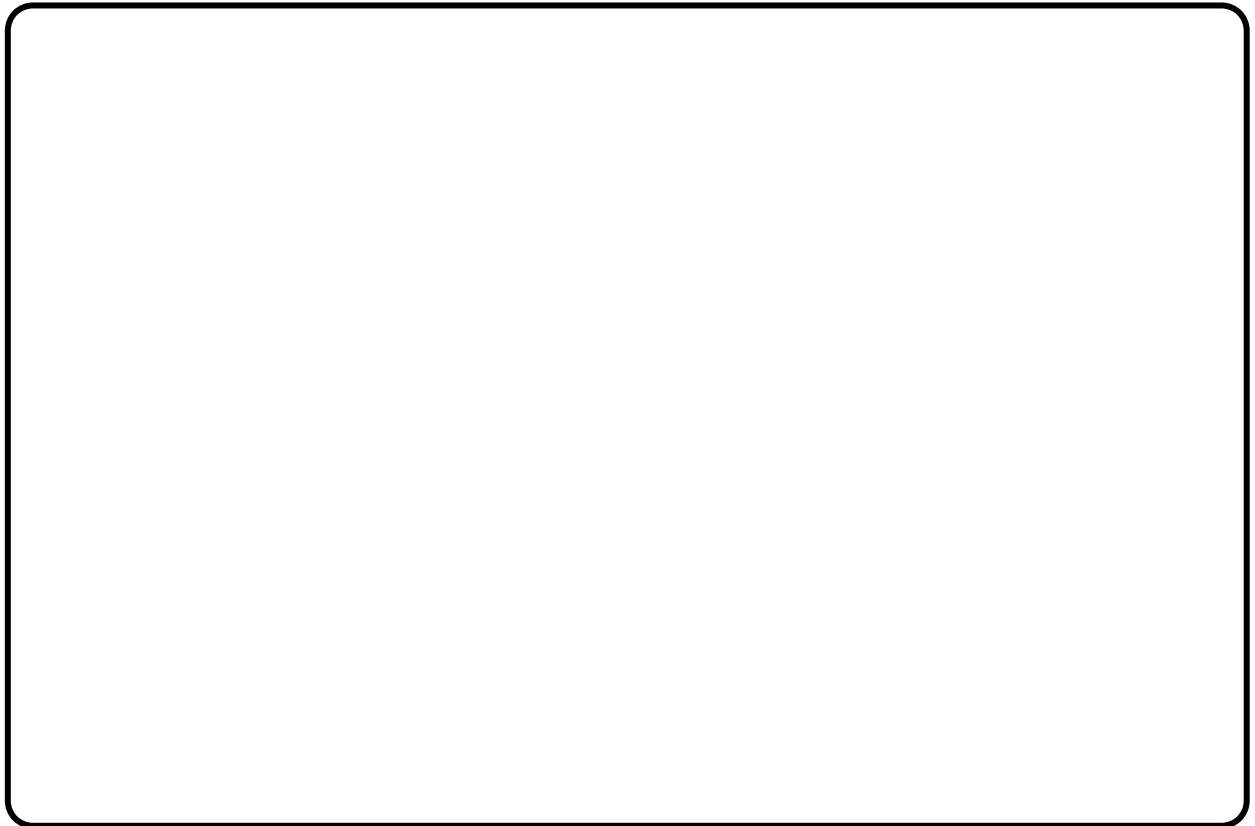


Practice I - Article Detective

Directions: Read each sentence. Circle the article (a, an, or the). Then, draw the object mentioned in the sentence.

1. Mia found a golden key. 
2. Max saw an owl sitting on the windowsill. 
3. They walked into the secret room. 
4. She picked up a rainbow stone. 
5. They looked through the magic telescope. 

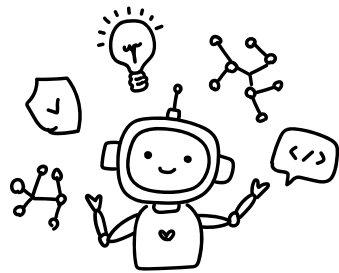
 *Draw your favorite object from the story here:*



Practice II

Directions: Fill in the gaps with a, an, the.

1. I saw ____ robot with shiny eyes.
2. She opened ____ book with drawings.
3. He used ____ umbrella when it rained.
4. We found ____ staircase behind the door.
5. Mia and Max drank ____ cup of tea.
6. They sat in ____ soft chair.
7. ____ robot wore an apron.
8. It was ____ exciting afternoon.



Practice III

Writing: "A Secret Place in My Home"

Directions: Write 3-4 sentences describing a secret or special place in your home or imaginary home. Use **a**, **an**, **the** at least 4 times.

Example:

There is **a** small tunnel under my bed. It leads to **an** ice cave. Inside **the** cave, I keep **a** magical penguin!

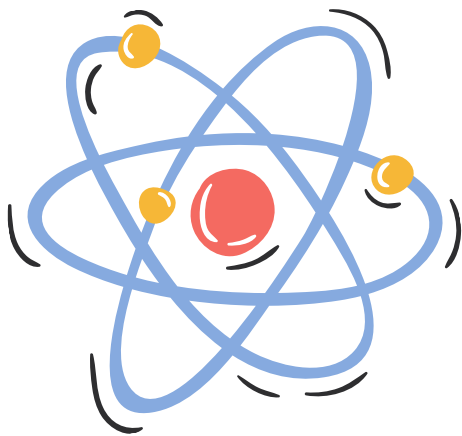
 **Your Turn:**



Practice IV

Directions: Fill in the gaps with the correct articles. Each sentence has 2-3 gaps.

1. I saw ____ small light coming from ____ corner of my room.
2. We followed ____ sound to find ____ strange box with buttons.
3. ____ robot gave us ____ gift before we left.
4. Inside ____ box was ____ letter and ____ tiny key.
5. They opened ____ door and found ____ map under ____ chair.
6. She found ____ idea in ____ book about science.



Homework

Directions: Write six sentences using the correct articles (a, an, the).

Your topic: A Magical Object

Describe the object, where you found it, and what it does. Use all three types of articles.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

