

Grammar Focus

Articles

1 Read the Fact file about Sam Stern and answer the questions.

- Why is he famous?
- What does he like doing?

2 Read the article and tick (✓) true or cross (X) false.

- Sam Stern is a chef in a restaurant.
- Sam makes cakes at school.
- Sam's mother writes the recipes down for him.
- Sam's dad is a vegetarian.
- Sam writes for a newspaper.

3 Find the words 1–8 in the Fact file and the article. Are they countable (C) or uncountable (U)?

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> banana | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> meat |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> blog | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> cheese |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> music | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> student |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> recipe | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> food |

4 Read the sentences below from the article. Circle the correct word in this rule:

Use a with *countable/uncountable nouns*.

- Sam likes experimenting with food.
- He invents a recipe every week.

5 Read *Grammar2know*. Then find more examples of each rule in the Fact file and the article.

2.29 super cool super cook

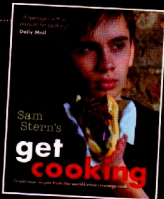
Fact file: Sam Stern

First book: *Cooking up a Storm, The Teen Survival Cookbook* (2005)

Loves: roast chicken, Chinese food

Hates: bananas and broccoli

Interests: football, climbing, listening to music, going to gigs



SAM STERN is a celebrity chef and a cookery book writer. But he's a student, too! His recipes are fast, easy and healthy. He often takes cakes into school for his classmates. Lucky them!

Sam likes experimenting with food and he invents a new recipe each week. He hates writing about the recipes so he and his mum cook together. Then she writes the recipes down.

Cooking is a problem in his house. The problem is, there are seven people in Sam's family – his parents, his brother and his three sisters, and they're all different! One sister is a vegetarian but his brother loves meat and his dad doesn't eat chocolate or cheese.

Sam is very busy. He writes a blog on his website and a weekly article in a teen newspaper. In the blog, he talks about his life and recipes. He wants teenagers to cook healthy food. Lots of teenagers read Sam's blog and try his recipes. And he's got a brilliant new idea – phone downloads of his recipes!



Grammar **2** know

Articles

Use **a/an** with singular countable nouns.

a blog, **a** recipe, **an** apple

Notice: *Eat cereal and grapes for breakfast.*

NOT *Eat a cereal and a grapes.*

• Use **a/an** to talk about a thing (or person) for the first time.

*He writes **a** blog.*

*Cooking **is** a problem in his house.*

• Use **the** to talk about a thing or person again.

*He writes **a** blog. **In the** blog...*

*Cooking **is** a problem. **The** problem is...*

• Use **a/an** with the verb *to be* + noun to describe a person's job or identity.

*Sam Stern **is** a chef. His sister's **a** vegetarian.*

• Don't use **a/an** or **the** when you make general statements.

His brother loves meat.

NOT *His brother loves the meat.*

6 Complete the sentences with **a**, **the**, or **Ø** (no article).

- 1 My dad is a great cook!
- 2 My boyfriend's Ø vegetarian so he doesn't eat meat or fish.
- 3 I always have Ø egg for breakfast.
- 4 My dad works in Ø office. Ø office is in the town centre.
- 5 I love Ø sport.
- 6 I don't like trying Ø new recipes.

7 **2.26** Complete the interview with **a**, **the** or **Ø** (no article). Then listen and check.

Interviewer: What food do you eat at school?
What do you have for lunch?

Student A: I take ¹a sandwich and ²Ø apple to school for lunch. But I don't usually eat ³Ø apple.

Student B: There's ⁴Ø big canteen at my school so I often have ⁵Ø sandwich in ⁶Ø canteen with my friends.

Interviewer: Do you have ⁷Ø snack in the afternoon?

Student B: Yes, I do. I usually have fruit. I don't like ⁸Ø apples so I have grapes or ⁹Ø orange.

Student A: Fruit is OK but I prefer ¹⁰Ø crisps!

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Vocabulary & Writing

Cooking

8 **2.27** Look at the photo and complete the ingredients with the words below. Then listen and check.

[fish olives oil potatoes ✓ tomatoes lemon]

9 **a** **Words 2 know** **2.28** Read the recipe. Check you understand the words in blue.

b Match the instructions 1–5 with the pictures A–E.

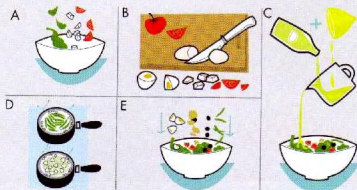
REALLY EASY RECIPES

This week's recipe is from Chloe in France. It's easy to make and it's delicious!

Nicoise salad

Ingredients

- 450g potatoes
- 450g green beans
- 3 _____
- 50g black _____
- some lettuce leaves
- 4 hard-boiled eggs
- a tin of tuna _____
- _____ juice
- some olive _____



- 1 Boil the potatoes and beans. **D**
- 2 Cut the potatoes and tomatoes into small pieces. Cut the boiled eggs.
- 3 Put the lettuce, potato and tomato pieces into a big salad bowl.
- 4 Put the eggs, tuna, green beans and olives on top.
- 5 Mix the lemon juice and the oil together. Put it on the salad.

Eat and enjoy.

10 In pairs, write a salad recipe from your country for the website *Really easy recipes*.

- Write the name of the recipe.
- List the ingredients.
- Write simple instructions.

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