

Years 4 Grammar: Determiners

Learning From Home Activity Booklet

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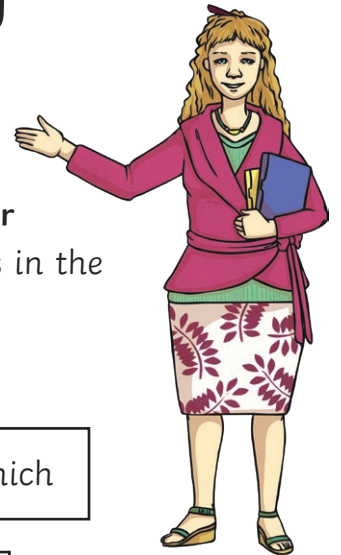
A note to parents: This booklet is designed to support and reinforce work completed in school about **determiners**. If you would first like to review the term **determiner**, please see the following PowerPoint on the Twinkl website:

<http://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-e-1817-planit-y4-spag-lesson-pack-determiners>

Determiners Display

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Miss Jones is making a display all about '**determiners**' to help her class understand what they are. However, she has dropped all the **determiner** cards on the floor. Oops! Please help her by placing the determiner cards in the correct column on the display.



what his her our which
 more your those their a less
 my any this an many the
 these few that four some

Definite and indefinite articles	Possessive Determiners	Interrogative Determiners	Demonstrative Determiners	Quantifiers

Hint: Check your answers using the answer booklet and correct any you may have placed in the table incorrectly. Then, use this page to help you complete the other activities within the booklet.

Desperate Daisy Determiner

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Desperate Daisy Determiner is rounding up possessive determiners for the rodeo. Help her by using your lasso to circle the possessive determiners in each sentence. Remember, possessive determiners explain who the nouns belongs to – they demonstrate possession! The first one has been done for you.



1. Daisy sat on (her) porch while watching the animals.
2. Where is my lasso?
3. Jessie put his leather hat on before going out.
4. The cowboys rode their horses into town.
5. Is your name Billy Pickett?
6. "Our ranch is far away," said the cowgirl.

Now it's your turn! Write three sentences of your own using some of the possessive determiners from the sentences above. Underline the possessive determiner in each sentence.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Quantifier Quiz

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Quantifiers are a type of determiner that we use when we want to give information about the number or amount of something; they tell us **how much** or **how many**. Choose one of the **quantifiers** from the list below that fits best in each sentence.

three	some	many	few	fewer	some	more	any
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1. There were only a _____ biscuits left in the biscuit tin.
2. In the game, Aaron had _____ points than Chelsey. That's why he lost!
3. José saw _____ dogs whilst walking in the park.
4. There were _____ people in the swimming pool; it was almost full to capacity.
5. "I want _____ chocolate!" shouted the toddler.
6. "Are there _____ left?" asked Neeta.
7. _____ people have blue eyes.

Write sentences of your own using these quantifiers:

many: _____

four: _____

some: _____

Interrogative and Demonstrative

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Interrogative determiners are often used to ask questions. They are **which**, **what** and **whose**. In each of the sentences below, fill in the correct interrogative determiner using either **which**, **what** or **whose**.

1. The teacher didn't know _____ coat it was.
2. " _____ shoes are missing? Are they Eleanor's?" asked mum.
3. " _____ type of car did you buy?" asked Billy.
4. _____ toppings do you want on the pizza?

Demonstrative determiners can help show how close something is. These include **this**, **that**, **these** and **those**. In each of the sentences below, underline the demonstrative determiner.

5. I prefer _____ chocolates to those sweets.
6. "Is _____ coat yours?" asked the teacher.
7. _____ grapes came out of that box.
8. Since being a child, I have lived in _____ house.
9. "I have been watching _____ sheep," stated the farmer.

Challenge: Now write two sentences of your own. One with a demonstrative determiner and another with an interrogative determiner.

- a. _____

- b. _____

Arthur's Article

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Arthur has written an article for the school newspaper. Within the article, he has used lots of **definite** and **indefinite articles**. These are determiners that come before the noun and tells us if the noun is general (**a** or **an**) or specific (**the**). Read and spot the **articles** in Arthur's article by underlining each one.

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a cake stall. In the corner, there was even an old, traditional grotto with the big man himself sat inside... Father Christmas! All the people that attended said that they had an amazing time and they enjoyed the great atmosphere. It was a fantastic and successful event and, above all, we raised a staggering £670 towards building the new computer suite.

Determiner Count: Read the article above again and count how many times Arthur used an **indefinite article** and how many times he used a **definite article**.

Indefinite articles:

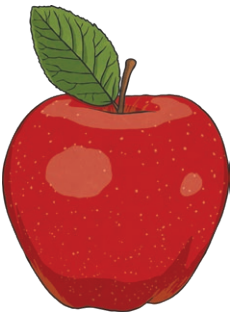
Definite articles:

Determiner Sentences

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Using the determiners from page 2 of this booklet, write a sentence for each of the pictures below. Each sentence must contain a determiner. Underline the determiners that you use.











A Parent's Guide to Determiners

In the Year 4 National Curriculum, children are introduced to the term determiner. It is important that your child learns this terminology and is able to identify determiners in sentences. This booklet will help to reinforce the learning and understanding of determiners.

Determiners

A determiner is a word that introduces a noun such as **a**, **an**, **every**, **three**, **many** and **those**. The determiner **'the'** is also known as the **definite article** and the determiners **'a'** and **'an'** are also known as the **indefinite article**.

Determiners can be split into several categories depending on their usage. These include: possessive determiners, interrogative determiners, demonstrative determiners and quantifiers.

Possessive determiners - come before a noun to indicate ownership, such as:

My leg hurts.

It's **his** toy.

Bring **your** children with you.

Interrogative determiners - normally used at the start of questions about a noun, for example:

Whose coat is this?

Which house is it?

What university do you go to?

Demonstrative determiners - point to specific nouns and demonstrate how near or far they are, for example:

Those shoes (over there) are mine.

These shoes (here) are mine.

Quantifiers are used to give information about the number or amount of an item, for example:

Three cats sat on the fence.

There were **many** people there.

Some birds can't fly.

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page 2. Determiners Display.

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page 3. Desperate Daisy Determiner.

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page 5. Interrogative and Demonstrative.

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page 6. Arthur's Article.

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Definite articles: **10**