

Chapter 4. Articles

Exercise 1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate **articles**.

Put a (×) where no article is needed:

Many years ago, high up among _____ steep mountains of _____ Switzerland, there lived _____ man named William Tell. Tell was _____ great hunter and was known to be _____ best shot in all _____ land.

At that time, _____ country was ruled by _____ wicked man named Gessler. Gessler was very proud of _____ power he had over his people and made many harsh laws which _____ people had to obey. He placed his hat on _____ tall pole and ordered that anyone who passed that way should bow to _____ hat. So nobody passed that way.

One day, William Tell, who had not heard about _____ strange law happened to pass by _____ village. He was walking straight past _____ hat when _____ soldier on _____ duty shouted to him to bow before _____ hat.

“Why should I bow before _____ hat?” asked Tell.

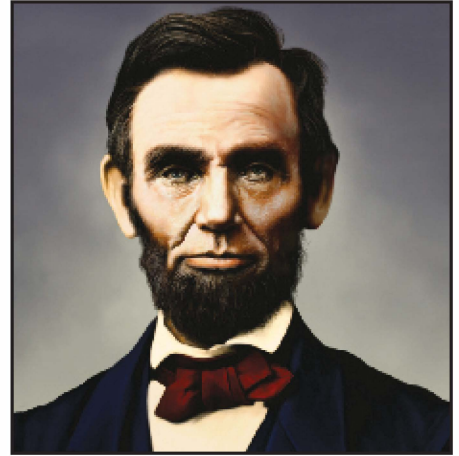
“Because _____ ruler of _____ land orders you to do that,” said _____ soldier.

But Tell did not agree. He said quickly, “I don’t care who orders it. I’ll never bow before _____ hat.”

Exercise 2. Insert **a, an** or **the** where necessary:

Abraham Lincoln was on visit to Niagara Falls, one of greatest wonders of world. For long time he kept gazing at sight. He could hardly find words to describe it.

“Mr President, what was first thought that came to your mind on seeing this marvel?” one of his friends asked him.



“I wondered where all water in Falls had come from,” replied Lincoln. “More I see of nature, more I want to bow to its greatness. I don’t think man can ever fully appreciate bounties of nature.”