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The First Semester Interrogation of Grammar

Exercise 1: Insert "a" or "an" if necessary.

- 1. I have . . . hour and . . . half for lunch.
- 2. He looked at me with . . . horror when I explained that I was . . . double agent.
- 3. . . . Mr Jones called while you were out (*neither of us knows this man*). He wants to make . . . complaint about . . . article in the paper. He was in . . . very bad temper.
- 4. He broke ...leg in... skiing accident. It's still in . . . plaster.
- 5. I want . . . assistant with . . . knowledge of French and . . . experience of . . . office routine
- 6. I had . . . amazing experience last night. I saw . . . dinosaur eating . . . meat pie in . . . London park.
- 7. I'll pay you . . . hundred . . . week. It's not . . . enormous salary but after all you are . . . completely unskilled man.

Exercise 2: Insert "the" if necessary.

- 1. . . . youngest boy has just started going to . . . school; . . . eldest boy is at . . . college.
- 2. He was sent to . . . prison for . . . six months for . . . shop-lifting.
- 3. I went to . . . school to talk to . . . headmistress. I persuaded her to let Ann give up . . . gymnastics and take . . . ballet lessons instead.
- 4. On . . . Sundays my father stays in . . . bed till ten o'clock, reading . . . Sunday papers.
- 5. Then he gets up, puts on . . . old clothes, has . . . breakfast and starts . . . work in . . . garden.
- 6. I'd like to see . . . Mr Smith please.

 Do you mean . . . Mr Smith who works in . . . box office or . . . other Mr Smith?

Exercise 03: Insert "a", "an" or "the" if necessary.

- 1. Are John and Mary . . . cousins?
 - No, they aren't . . . cousins; they are . . . brother and . . . sister.
- 2. I can't remember . . . exact date of . . . storm, but I know it was . . . Sunday because everybody was at . . . church.
- 3. There's been . . . murder here.

Where's . . . body

There isn't . . . body.

Then how do you know there's been . . . murder

- 4. There was . . . collision between . . . car and . . . cyclist at . . . crossroads
- 5. It was . . . windy morning but they hired . . . boat and went for . . . sail along . . . coast.

Good Luck!