

- Choose the correct article to complete the sentences below, based on whether they are referring to something specific or in general. You may need to choose 'None', which means an article should not be used in that sentence.

**Q1. SPECIFIC.** She's gone to **(the / a / none)** supermarket.

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**Q2. GENERAL.** **(The / a / none)** schools educate children.

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**Q3. GENERAL.** If you want to exercise, you should go to **(the / a / none)** gym.

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**Q4. SPECIFIC.** **(The / a / none)** Joan kissed his mother.

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**Q5. GENERAL.** **(The / a / none)** politicians can be corrupted by power.

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## ANSWERS

**A1.** *SPECIFIC.* She's gone to **the** supermarket.

**We are referring to a specific supermarket, even if we're not sure which one she's gone to.**

**A2.** *GENERAL.* **None** schools educate children.

**We are talking about schools in general, so no article is needed.**

**A3.** *GENERAL.* If you want to exercise, you should go to **a** gym.

**We're talking about gyms in general; although we could also use 'the' here, as the word 'gym' - like 'cinema', for example - has become such a prominent idea in our society.**

**A4.** *SPECIFIC.* **None** Joan kissed his mother.

**Joan is a proper noun, so no article should be used.**

**A5.** *GENERAL.* **None** politicians can be corrupted by power.

**As with Question 2, we are referring to a general noun – therefore no article is required.**