

ARTICLES AND OTHER ADJECTIVES

The words *a*, *an*, and *the* are special adjectives called **articles**. **A** is used before words that begin with a consonant. **An** is used before words that begin with a vowel. **The** is used before either.

A. Circle the articles in each sentence.

1. The elk, moose, and bears grazed in the forest.
2. There was an abundant supply of grass and plants.
3. A bolt of lightning struck a tree and started a fire.
4. Fires have always been an important part of forest ecology.
5. The heat of the summer left the forest very dry.
6. The fires spread over a thousand acres.
7. The helicopters and an airplane spread chemicals on the fire.
8. Firefighters made an attempt to stop the flames.

B. Circle the article in () that completes each sentence correctly. Then write it on the line.

1. Last summer I visited _____ National Park. (a, an)
2. We took a bus through _____ forests. (an, the)
3. The bus carried us up _____ narrow roads. (a, the)
4. I saw _____ elk grazing on some grass. (a, an)
5. We stayed in _____ old log cabin. (a, an)
6. Deer came up to _____ cabin window. (an, the)
7. We made _____ new friend. (a, an)
8. I wrote my friend _____ letter. (a, an)