

Revision Card - Determiners

A **determiner** tells us a bit more about a **noun**.

- **Determiners** go next to their **noun** or at the beginning of a **noun phrase**.
- They don't carry the meaning but they do influence it.



a brown dog
the brown dog
my brown dog
her brown dog
that brown dog

Thinking about the way **determiners** change the meaning.

This is a cake.

It is no particular cake.

This is my cake.

The cake is all mine!

This is that cake.

The cake is the one I told you about.



Determiners tell us a bit more about the **noun**.
They can change the meaning in subtle ways.

A **determiner** tells us a bit more about a **noun**.
We still need the **noun**. The **determiner** works with it.



This rabbit is undercover.

His mask is black.

The mask is his.

Look carefully at the **determiners**. The **determiners** go in front of the **nouns**.

This is not a **determiner**.
It has replaced the **noun** (rabbit's).
Determiners work with **nouns**. They do not replace them.

Determiners: Identify, Choose, Use

A Check your understanding – Underline the determiners in each sentence

- 1) *My dad has never jumped out of a plane.*
- 2) *My mum has never walked along a tightrope between two buildings.*
- 3) *Our family does not climb any mountains on the way home from school.*
- 4) *The cat does not battle those ferocious dogs from next door.*
- 5) *My gran does not canoe down any rapid waters.*
- 6) *The dog does not solve crimes for the grateful police force.*
- 7) *My sister has never defused an unexploded bomb.*
- 8) *I think my family is a rather ordinary family.*

B Build your skills - Choose the best determiner for each sentence

- 1) *I am scared of _____ dark. (a/the)*
- 2) *I would never touch _____ spider. (a/the).*
- 3) *_____ dad uses a paper napkin to pick up spiders. (my/some)*
- 4) *_____ mum checks under the bed before Emma goes to sleep. (the/her)*
- 5) *My brother and I asked _____ gran to tell us a ghost story. (our/its)*
- 6) *My cat is afraid of _____ loud noises. (any/that)*
- 7) *It is _____ amazing feeling, travelling on a plane. (a/an)*
- 8) *I would love to climb _____ highest mountain in the world. (a/the)*