DETERMINERS

Determiners are words that are used before nouns to identify them. Determiners may be divided into:

- **Articles:** a/an, the
  The words ‘a’ and ‘an’ are called indefinite articles. They are used with singular countable nouns.
  
  Example: Have you a pencil?
  The word ‘the’ is called the definite article. It is used before a noun which refers to something or someone definite.
  
  Example: You may keep the change.

- **Demonstrative adjectives:** this, that, these, those
  These adjectives indicate the noun that is being referred to.
  
  Examples: This book is mine.
  Those books are yours.

- **Adjectives of quantity:** some, much, less
  They tell us how much of a thing is being referred to.
  
  Examples: I ate some rice.
  I did not eat any rice.
  I ate much rice.

- **Adjectives of number:** many, few, several, each
  They tell us how many things or persons are being referred to.
  
  Examples: Several books were stolen from the library.
  This cell phone has many useful features.
  December is the twelfth month of the year.
  Listen to every word I say.

- **Possessive pronouns:** my, our, your, their, his, her, its
  These pronouns are used to show possession or belonging.
  
  Examples: This is my family.
  What is your address?
I. Choose the appropriate determiners from the box and fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

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a) I have a book. I will write ____________ name on ____________ book. We will write ____________ names on ____________ books.
b) The children are walking with ____________ parents.
c) I rang him up ____________ times but there was no reply.
d) These curtains are ____________ too long ____________ too short for the windows.
e) ____________ reward ____________ punishment has any effect on these boys.
f) ____________ animals are in danger of becoming extinct.
g) ____________ her parents are doctors.
h) The gardener put ____________ soil into ____________ flower pot.

II. Fill in the blanks with suitable answers.

a) Helen looked in i) ____________ cupboard in ii)____________ kitchen for iii) ____________ tablecloth to put on iv) ____________ dining table.
b) Everybody came in and sat down at i) ____________ table. They talked about ii) ____________ things they had done during iii) ____________ day. Jane had been working on iv) ____________ project at school.
c) Who is i) ____________ fastest runner in school? Surely, it is ii) ____________ boy who lives down iii) ___________ lane. He is indeed iv) ____________ marvel.
d) Have you i) ____________ pair of trousers to put on? You do have ii) ____________ one given to you by iii) ____________ company. If not, why don’t you wear just iv) ____________ shirt and v) ____________ the old pair.
e) Neena put mats around i) ____________ table and laid each place with ii) ____________ knife, iii) ____________ fork and iv) ____________ spoon. Then she gave everyone v) ____________ glass.
f) Our cat had ran across i) _______ road. There was ii) _______ dog chasing her. Then she promptly climbed up iii) _______ tree.

g) Jeannie had been at i) _______ school all day. Jeannie’s friend had ii) _______ part in iii) _______ school play and she had been rehearsing. She had iv) _______ pivotal role in v) _______ play.

h) Please form i) _______ queue for lunch. Rana will serve ii) _______ lunch soon. He is still carrying iii) _______ vessels to iv) _______ Mess.

i) i) _______ gentlemen had taken ill and ii) _______ condition became serious. So he sent for the doctor. iii) _______ doctor examined them and wrote iv) _______ prescriptions. ‘Please send v) _______ prescriptions to vi) _______ chemist and get vii) _______ medicines as early as possible advised viii) _______ doctor.

III. In the following passage, one word (determiner) has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along into the word that comes before and the word that comes after it.

old king who had a) _______
daughters wanted to know b) _______
exactly how they loved him. c) _______
Two older daughters declared d) _______
that they loved him very. e) _______
Youngest simply said f) _______
she loved him according to g) _______
duty. Immediately the king divided kingdom between h) _______
his two elder daughters.

IV. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the space given below.

It is said that an rich a) _______
man’s son came back from an b) _______
famous university. On a day of c) _______________
him arrival there was great activity. d) _______________
A son was anxious to e) _______________
show off his learning. He f) _______________
said, ‘I can prove your g) _______________
to be wrong!’ A father asked how h) _______________
he could do that. A son was finally i) _______________
outwitted and felt ashamed of his folly. j) _______________
k) _______________