



Articles: activity 1

In the following text, the numbers indicate where articles have been used or left out. For each number explain the use (or non-use) of the article.

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(Adapted from Kadushin & Kadushin 1997)

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1	[] No article as we are referring to something general
2	a is used here as a great deal is a fixed expression
3	the is used here as the writer is making a backward referral to 'interviewing'
4	the is used here to indicate to the reader that they will soon know what the writer is referring to
5	[] Reference made to something general, no article required
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7	the is used here to indicate to the reader that they will soon know what the writer is referring to
8	a is used here to introduce something new or something the reader is unaware of
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References

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