**EXERCISE 1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article (an, an, the, Ø):**

1. **A** Concorde flight with 71 passengers on board made **an** unscheduled landing in Canada yesterday after developing **Ø** engine problems. **The** plane, flying from Heathrow to New York, touched down at **Ø** Halifax airport at 2:30 pm after **the** pilots decided to shut down one of **the** four engines, a British Airways spokesman said. He said **the** landing was **a** purely precautionary measure.
2. Arrested during **a** demonstration to protest against segregation, **Ø** Dr King wrote **a** letter in which he said that **Ø** oppressed people couldn’t remain oppressed for ever. Such **a** statement contributes to giving **Ø** hope to **the** oppressed as well as acting as **a** warning or even **a** threat to oppressors. It also implies that sooner or later, **Ø** people will eventually become aware of their plight, will be ready to rebel. They will risk their lives to assert their rights to fights for **Ø** equality **Ø** justice **Ø** freedom and **Ø** dignity.
3. **The / Ø** eight Ivy League schools are some of **the** most selective colleges in **the** United States. Each one has **Ø** top-ranked academics and **Ø** award-winning faculty. **The** members of **the** Ivy League can boast of **Ø** beautiful and historic campuses, **the** best teaching staff and **Ø** prestigious alumni.

**EXERCISE 2. Choose the correct answer:**

1. Don’t interfere with …………….. (a. **nature** b. the nature c. a nature)
2. Between the diverging views, there is …………….. for negotiation (a. the room b. **room** c. a room)
3. It is a war for ……………; I mean ………………….. (a. the survival / the survival of humanity b. survival / survival of humanity c. **survival / the survival of humanity**)
4. The Scots have ……………………. (a. **porridge for breakfast** b. the porridge for breakfast c. the porridge for the breakfast)
5. It takes …………….. humble man to appreciate …………….. efforts made by all …………….. participants. (a. a / ø / the b. the / the / ø c. **a / the / the**)
6. ………….. European Union is mindful of ………….. rights of its citizens and its workers.
7. Ø / the b. **the / the** c. the / ø)

**EXERCISE 3**

1. Garder hors de la portée des enfants. **Keep out of reach of** Ø **children.**
2. Les enfants sont-ils encore dehors ? **Are the kids still outside?**
3. Je viens de passer devant l’école où j’allais. **I’ve just gone past / driven past the school I used to go to / I used to attend.**
4. Il a fini par lui dire la vérité, toute la vérité. **He finally told him/her the truth, the whole truth.**
5. Le commerce en ligne gagne de l’ampleur depuis des années. Ø **E-commerce has been gaining traction for years.**
6. Le gaz de schiste reste une source d’énergie essentielle pour les Etats-Unis. **Ø Shale gas remains a major source of energy for the US.**
7. Tu ferais mieux de ne pas rester au soleil. C’est dangereux pour la santé. **You’d better not stay in the sun. It’s dangerous for your health.**
8. Mathilde est spécialiste de l’Angleterre du 18e siècle. **Mathilde is a specialist of** Ø **18th-century England.**
9. Beth jouait de la flûte à bec et du violoncelle quand elle était petite. Elle a aussi joué de la guitare pendant 10 ans. Quand elle aura plus de temps libre, elle envisage d’apprendre à jouer du violon.

**Beth used to play the recorder and the cello when she was little. She also played the guitar for 10 years. When she has more free time, she is considering learning to play the violin.**

1. Zahia m’a demandé si j’aimais le café noir. Je lui ai dit que je n’avais pas aimé le café qu’elle avait fait l’autre matin. Il était bien trop fort et amer.

**Zahia asked me if I liked black coffee. I told her I didn’t like the coffee (that) she had made the other morning. It was far too strong and bitter.**

1. En tant que bénévole, Solène aide les personnes âgées, les pauvres et les sans-abri. Ils ont droit à un peu de soutien !

**As a volunteer, Solène helps the elderly, the poor and the homeless. They are entitled a little support!**

1. On pense que les Britanniques ne boivent que du thé et de la bière. **Britons are thought to only drink tea and beer.**
2. John Kennedy, irlandais et catholique, était très jeune quand il fut élu.

**JK, an Irishman and a Catholic, was very young when he was elected.**

1. Andrew était sans travail et sans argent. Mais c’était un garçon si gentil !

**Andrew was without work and without money. But he was such a nice boy!**

1. Le second mandat d’Obama fut marqué par l’incapacité du président à mettre en œuvre son programme à cause de l’impasse au congrès.

**Obama’s second term was marked by the president’s inability to implement his (political) agenda because of the gridlock / deadlock / stalemate in Congress.**