

## DETERMINANTS (V25)

1- Fill in the blanks with a, the, or Ø

**Pilotless planes could save airlines billions. But would anyone fly?** Adapted from *cnn.com*

\_\_\_\_\_aviation industry could save \$35 billion \_\_\_\_\_ year by moving to pilotless planes, according to a new report. Just one problem: The same report warns that only 17% of travelers are willing to fly without a pilot.

\_\_\_\_\_ technology required to operate \_\_\_\_\_ remote-controlled planes could appear by 2025. Further advances beyond 2030 might result in automated business jets and helicopters, and finally commercial aircraft without pilots.

Commercial flights already land with \_\_\_\_\_ assistance of on-board computers, and pilots manually fly the aircraft for only a few minutes on average. However, contrary to popular belief, airliners do not fly themselves, even when they're on autopilot. Pilots are continually monitoring and adjusting aircraft navigation and systems, communicating with air traffic control and preparing for \_\_\_\_\_ next phase of the flight.

\_\_\_\_\_ shift has the potential to save the aviation industry huge amounts of money. Airlines typically employ 10 pilots per aircraft, and reducing their number would result in less spending on \_\_\_\_\_training, \_\_\_\_\_salaries and other staffing costs.

It could also help alleviate an expected pilot shortage over \_\_\_\_\_ coming decades.

Still, there is likely to be major resistance to taking pilots out of the cockpit.

A survey of 8,000 people found that 54% of respondents were unlikely to take \_\_\_\_\_ pilotless flight. Just 17% of respondents, who were from \_\_\_\_\_ U.S., \_\_\_\_\_ U.K., \_\_\_\_\_France, \_\_\_\_\_Germany and \_\_\_\_\_Australia, said they would buy the ticket.

2- Fill in the blanks with a, the, or Ø

1- I like \_\_\_\_\_poetry

2- I like \_\_\_\_\_poetry that he writes

3- I never drink\_\_\_\_\_beer

4- \_\_\_\_\_beer that he bought me was too mild

5-\_\_\_\_\_President Bush is not \_\_\_\_\_ New-Yorker

6- \_\_\_\_\_ President Bush I'm talking about is not George W Bush but his father

7- I went to \_\_\_\_\_school until the age of 16

8- \_\_\_\_\_man is a tool-making animal

9- \_\_\_\_\_society as a whole is responsible for these problems.

10- \_\_\_\_\_man I've just met is \_\_\_\_\_doctor

11- \_\_\_\_\_ war broke out in 2022

### 3- A SAVOIR PAR COEUR ♥

| Ø | THE |                          |
|---|-----|--------------------------|
|   |     | society                  |
|   |     | greenhouse effect        |
|   |     | global warming           |
|   |     | climate change           |
|   |     | government               |
|   |     | King Charles III         |
|   |     | Queen Elizabeth (person) |
|   |     | Queen Elizabeth (ship)   |
|   |     | electric cars            |
|   |     | USA                      |
|   |     | France                   |
|   |     | UK                       |
|   |     | Great Britain            |
|   |     | media                    |
|   |     | internet                 |
|   |     | AI                       |
|   |     | Brexit                   |

### 4- SYNTHESE/INTRODUCTION – FILL IN THE BLANKS

As \_\_\_\_ climate deadlines loom<sup>1</sup>, \_\_\_\_ governments are struggling to find \_\_\_\_ clean, reliable sources of energy. Could \_\_\_\_ nuclear power be their silver bullet<sup>2</sup> ? \_\_\_\_ question is raised in the dossier – \_\_\_\_ article from the Independent, published in 2021, two opinion pieces from the The Guardian and The Conversation dated 2021, and a cartoon by Martin Ferran for the tenth anniversary of \_\_\_\_ Fukushima disaster. As \_\_\_\_ nuclear power is making a comeback, is it the best solution to curb \_\_\_\_ climate change or could it cause more harm than good?

**47.2** Complete the dialogues with **a / an, the or zero article (-)**, whichever is more likely. Where more than one answer is possible, consider any difference in meaning. **B & C**

- 1 A: What's the matter?  
B: I've been working in the garden all ..... afternoon and my back aches.
- 2 A: Can you remember when we last saw Alex?  
B: It was ..... Sunday in June, I think.
- 3 A: When did you get your laptop?  
B: July 15th last year. I remember because it was also ..... day I passed my driving test.
- 4 A: I haven't seen Subin for months. B: He's been away in South Africa for ..... winter.
- 5 A: I've spent ..... afternoon on the phone to my mother. B: Why? Is there a problem?
- 6 A: Shall we go out walking on ..... Sunday? B: No, I'm busy this weekend.
- 7 A: Do you remember when Mateo did all the cooking?  
B: Of course. It was ..... Christmas the rest of us had flu.
- 8 A: I'll see you again after ..... Christmas. B: Okay. Have a good holiday.
- 9 A: That old coat of yours won't be warm enough for ..... winter.  
B: You're right. I need a new one.
- 10 A: Remember when Lars and Ella had that terrible row?  
B: How could I forget? That was ..... day I wouldn't want to go through again.

Exercice supplémentaire en ligne : <https://test-english.com/grammar-points/b1/an-the-no-article/>

<sup>1</sup> To loom = menacer / s'approcher dangereusement

<sup>2</sup> A silver bullet = une solution miracle