

Unit 2: ARTICLES

1 Read this text and fill the gaps with *the, a, an, their*, or nothing.

Happy in the East (^_^) or smiling :-) in the West

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US NETWORKS

:-) Regular smile
 :- (Sad
 ;-) Wink
 :-) Very happy
 :- o Wow
 :- l Grim
 :- ll Anger
 8-) Smile / Glasses
 :^) Happy
 :^(Unhappy

JAPANESE NETWORKS

(^_^) Regular smile
 (^o^>) Excuse me
 (^_^;) Cold sweat
 (^o^) Happy
 (*^o^*) Exciting
 (_ o _) I'm sorry
 (^.^) Woman's smile
 (*^o^;) Sorry
 (;_;) Weeping
 \ (^_^) / Bonzai smiley

In 1 latest example of 2 Japan seizing upon 3 Western idea, adapting it to 4 culture and improving upon it, 5 Japanese computer users have evolved 6 unique set of emoticons. 7 Japanese smileys are intricate in 8 design, somewhat ambiguous in 9 expression and, in what many here would argue is 10 big advance, are right side up instead of sideways.

..... 11 basic smiley in Japan, (^_^), is much easier to recognize as 12 face than 13 Western version. But

since 14 mouth doesn't curve upward (no character on 15 keyboard can do that), 16 Japanese smiley is somewhat harder to understand without knowing 17 context.

Other emoticons are more clearly specific to Japanese culture: 18 woman's smile, (^.^), with 19 dot for 20 mouth, because it is still considered impolite for 21 women to bare 22 teeth in 23 grin, to 24 extent that some women still cover 25 mouths with 26 hand when they laugh.

New York Times

2 Complete the sentences with **the, a/an or -**.

- 1 ___ Masaryk University in ___ Brno was established in 1919.
- 2 ___ Faculty of Economics and Administration was founded on 1 January 1991 as the sixth faculty of ___ Masaryk University.
- 3 ___ Madagascar is an island nation in ___ Indian Ocean, off the southeastern coast of ___ Africa.
- 4 ___ Sears Tower is a skyscraper in ___ Chicago, ___ Illinois. It has been the tallest building in ___ United States since 1973.
- 5 ___ Fifth Avenue is a major thoroughfare in the centre of ___ Manhattan in ___ New York City.
- 6 ___ Aconcagua is the highest peak of ___ Andes, the longest mountain range of ___ South America.
- 7 Steve Jobs is the co-founder and CEO of ___ Apple and was the CEO of ___ Pixar until its acquisition by ___ Disney.
- 8 ___ Lake Victoria is the source of the longest branch of ___ Nile River, ___ White Nile.
- 9 ___ Balearic Islands are situated in ___ Mediterranean Sea.
- 10 My son is in ___ hospital and can't go to ___ school.
- 11 On our trip to ___ UK we toured around ___ south-east and visited ___ Canterbury Cathedral.
- 12 ___ Danube is the main river in ___ Central Europe.