

SEMINAR 2 – DETERMINERS – INTRODUCTION

QUESTIONS (*to answer after you have studied the seminar handout carefully*)

1. Give an example of a sentence including a noun phrase which has
 - a) definite reference
 - b) indefinite reference
2. In two cases ‘*the*’ is pronounced as /ði/, explain when and why.
3. Explain why the noun phrases in italics do contain or do not contain indefinite article:
 - a) She is looking forward to being *a grandmother*.
 - b) We’re having *terrible weather*.
 - c) *A child* needs plenty of love.
 - d) Take *a hat and coat* with you.
 - e) *A Mr Wingate phoned and left a message for you.*
4. Explain the use of *a/an* in: ***a house*** v. ***an heir***
5. Determiners such as ‘*this, every, each*’ are mutually exclusive. What does it mean?
6. We can say ‘*either man*’ but not ‘*either music*’ – explain why:
7. What nouns are used with ‘*both*’ and ‘*neither*’, and ‘*every*’ and ‘*each*’? Consider the following sentences:
 - a) Every / Each student will be interviewed today.
 - b) Both the suggestions were accepted.
 - c) I spoke to both of the twins yesterday.
 - d) I spoke to each of the twins yesterday.
 - d) Neither of the applicants was successful.
8. Multipliers refer to quantity or frequency. Give examples.
9. What kinds of nouns are used with ‘*a great deal / amount / number of*’?