

Article Usage

1. Missing indefinite article (with count nouns)

*Also, processes which respond too rapidly to be controlled by * [a] human operator can be controlled automatically.*

** [A] Majority of the public school teachers do not want to serve as poll officials in the May elections.*

2. Missing definite article *the* for specific reference

*Library Director Emelina Soriano Almario told Business World Online the two-year-old library housing * [the] Filipiniana collection is their implementation of an electronic resource center.*

*A common observation among growers of closely-planted mangoes is failure to perform * [the] intense cultivation required of high density systems.*

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3. Indefinite or definite article before a noncount noun (where the \emptyset article is required)

*The composite material looks very much like an ordinary “concrete product” but weighs like **an** [\emptyset] ordinary **lumber**.*

***A** [\emptyset] World bank **research** on agro-biotechnology development in the Philippines said there is a lack of ...*

4. Special uses of the articles as set forth in usage books

*In that task, the medium of **the** [\emptyset] television offers advertisers a powerful tool.*

*Chin, a graduate of * [the] University of the Philippines Los Baños is one of the new breed of horticulturists.*

Prepositions

1. Wrong preposition

*This **results to** [in] a better quality of life. (verb + preposition)*

*The solution cannot **consist in** [of] a purely technological measure. (verb + preposition)*

*Other reasons are **acceptable by** [to] the Board of Trustees. (adjective + preposition)*

2. Inserted preposition (when none is required)

*Starting this year, “mobile teachers” will be deployed by the government in far-flung areas to teach the young **with** [∅] the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic.*

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3 . Missing preposition (when none is required)

*However, even if the company disposes * [of] its properties, there may be no buyer.*