

2. Several witnesses at \_\_\_\_\_ American airbase claimed to have seen \_\_\_\_\_ identical object half \_\_\_\_\_ hour before what \_\_\_\_\_ pilots' experienced. Officials from \_\_\_\_\_ US government were able to rule out \_\_\_\_\_ possibility of it being \_\_\_\_\_ military or commercial flight as there were no such flights scheduled at that time.

3. After \_\_\_\_\_ prolonged investigation, government officials wrote off \_\_\_\_\_ sightings as \_\_\_\_\_ illusion caused by \_\_\_\_\_ temperature changes. They later changed their minds and claimed that it was \_\_\_\_\_ meteor. However, experts later decided that, as \_\_\_\_\_ description of the object does not at all fit that of a meteor, this sighting will be classified as '\_\_\_\_\_ unexplained phenomenon'.

**Task 9**

**Correct the errors in the use of articles in this paragraph.**

In the year 2005, Arvind Thiagarajan was an 25-year-old inventor with the couple of patents to his credit. By 2011, he managed to file for about 40 patents. When the President Abdul Kalam presented him with a Junior Scientist Award in 2001, he inspired Arvind to invent and, more importantly, also patent his inventions. His most interesting invention is HDFonoDoc, a first device in the world which can analyse and document heart murmurs in real time. It was an replacement for the mechanical and digital stethoscopes used by the doctors worldwide.

**Task 10**

**Some sentences below have errors in the use of articles. Identify the error and rewrite the sentences. If there is no error, retain the sentence as it is.**

1. The Himalayas are a sensitive eco zone.

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2. A union minister visited our college last year for the anniversary function.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The practice makes a person perfect.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. A peacock is considered our national bird.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. One of the most prominent rivers of India is the Ganga.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. B. Tech is a most sought-after degree in many parts of India.

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7. A gold is a good investment option since the interest rates are going down.

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8. The Olympian was awarded a honorary doctoral degree last year.

\_\_\_\_\_

9. All except the Sharmas were invited to the engagement ceremony.
10. The every year many Indian students go abroad for higher studies.

**PREPOSITIONS**

Look at the examples given below and note the prepositions in them.

The ship docked at the harbour before sunrise.

The passengers waited on the deck for further announcements.

The captain was in his cabin when the storm struck.

The liner is going to Southampton.

A preposition is a word that shows the relation between a noun or pronoun and the rest of the sentence.

**Task 11**

Read this paragraph and underline the prepositions.

In the 1920s, radios became smaller and more portable, leading to an improvement in military communication. As telecommunications developed, the late 20th century saw the development of computer and satellite technologies, creating what is known as a Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA) – the results of which can be seen in the wars being fought in the world today. Despite these achievements, communications in war can, and often do, still break down – often due as much to human as to technological failings and errors.

**Types of prepositions**

There are four main types of prepositions as shown in the table below.

Prepositions of time	Used for	Example
at	specific time	at 4.00 am
	precise time	at noon of the day
on	for days and dates	on Wednesday; on 25 June 2016
in	for longer periods like months, years, seasons etc.	in January; in 2017; in summer
for	duration of time	for three days, for a year
Prepositions of place	Used for	Example
at	a specific place	at the library
on	referring to an area or surface	on the terrace
in	a place with a boundary	in a room; in the sea