

## Practice

### 1 Match the sentences in each group with their meanings, A, B and C, as in the example.

- 1 0 Teachers are often blamed for failures in education. ... B .....  
 1 The teacher is often blamed for failures in education. .....  
 2 The teachers were blamed for failures in the boy's education. .....  
 A This describes specific teachers at one school.  
 B This describes teachers in general.  
 C This describes teachers in general and is used in formal contexts.
- 2 1 We'll have lunch in a restaurant in Burton Street. .....  
 2 We'll have lunch in the restaurant in Burton Street. .....  
 3 We'll have lunch in the restaurant that does the two-course special. .....  
 A We know which restaurant – the only one in Burton Street or the one we usually go to.  
 B We know which restaurant because we've defined it.  
 C We don't know which restaurant – there are several in Burton Street.
- 3 1 The Swiss are known for their neutrality in times of conflict. .....  
 2 By winning this latest event, the Swiss has ended a magnificent year. .....  
 A This talks about one person.  
 B This talks about a group of people.
- 4 1 Lewis has been in hospital for several weeks. .....  
 2 Lewis has been at the hospital for several weeks. .....  
 A Lewis is a builder doing a job that is taking several weeks.  
 B Lewis has been ill for several weeks.
- 5 1 Most psychologists feel it is better to release anger than to suppress it. .....  
 2 I couldn't contain the anger I felt when I read the article. .....  
 A This talks about a feeling in general.  
 B This talks about a feeling on a specific occasion.

### 2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read this story and complete it with the correct article: *a/an, the* or *– (no article)*. **2.10** Listen and check.

I FIRST EXPERIENCED terror when I was seven. My parents were living in wartime London when I was born, but my father died when I was one and my mother decided to leave (1) ..... city and move to (2) ..... countryside. A great-aunt of hers lived in (3) ..... cottage in North Wales, and there she brought me up in (4) ..... relative peace and security. (5) ..... locals were all very friendly to us and accepted us without question, and I had (6) ..... blissful childhood.

One day I arrived home from (7) ..... school to find my mother clutching (8) ..... telegram, in floods of tears. (9) ..... telegram informed her that her father – my grandfather – had died. His funeral would be in three days and we had to go to London. I had never been outside (10) ..... village and I was really excited at the thought of going to (11) ..... capital city. So, two days later, we boarded (12) ..... train to London. It was (13) ..... first time I had been on a train and I was overwhelmed by (14) ..... excitement of such an adventure. Several hours later we arrived. I clutched my mother's hand as we stepped down from (15) ..... train. (16) ..... station was full of people rushing home from (17) ..... work and it was quite dark. Now (18) ..... fear was starting to creep into my mind. Then, suddenly, we were in (19) ..... street outside the station. I had never seen so many people, buses and cars, nor heard so much noise. I was terrified. I opened my mouth and the wail that I let escape was one of (20) ..... sheer terror.