

**1** Do the nouns in these sentences require a definite article? Write *the*, or *X* if none is needed.

1. A large number of oil wells have been drilled in the Gulf of Mexico.
2. There is no room for \_\_\_ frivolity when discussing \_\_\_ safety of nuclear power.
3. \_\_\_ United States utilizes more genetically modified food than \_\_\_ Europe does.
4. You shouldn't expect \_\_\_ confidentiality when you upload anything to the Internet.
5. In a moment, our experimental driverless vehicle will turn right on \_\_\_ Elm Street.
6. Many people do not believe that \_\_\_ rights of animals should be protected.
7. A global warming monitoring station is located on top of \_\_\_ Mount Rutherford.
8. I think \_\_\_ human error is to blame for the majority of aircraft accidents.

**2** Review the rules for articles on page 19. Then fill in the blanks with a definite article, an indefinite article, or *X* if none is needed. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

(1) X Energy seems to be on everyone's mind these days. (2) \_\_\_ people are worried because they know that petroleum reserves are not infinite. It's also alarming that (3) \_\_\_ temperature of the earth seems to be rising year by year. Many scientists blame (4) \_\_\_ warming of the earth on (5) \_\_\_ burning of petroleum-based fuels.

However, there is no reason to give up (6) \_\_\_ hope, as (7) \_\_\_ alternatives are available. One example is (8) \_\_\_ wind farm, a collection of wind turbines that turn wind energy into electric power. Another example is (9) \_\_\_ hydroelectric facilities, which change (10) \_\_\_ energy created by moving water into electric power. (11) \_\_\_ hydroelectric facility on (12) \_\_\_ Paraná River in Brazil generates about 20 percent of the power used in the country. A final example is (13) \_\_\_ solar power. It is one of (14) \_\_\_ cleanest sources of energy and is attracting (15) \_\_\_ attention as well. Many countries, including (16) \_\_\_ United Arab Emirates, (17) \_\_\_ Spain, and (18) \_\_\_ India have built large solar power plants.

Lastly, it's important that we all conserve energy. Take (19) \_\_\_ moment to shut off and unplug any electrical items when you leave (20) \_\_\_ room.

**1** Choose the main clause that makes sense with the *-ing* clause.

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| 1. Making strange noises, <u>b</u>          | a. I knew that my computer would crash.     |
|   | b. my computer stopped working.             |
| 2. Being technophiles, _____                | a. we're never afraid to try new gadgets.   |
|   | b. the latest gadgets always interest us.   |
| 3. Talking on her cell phone, _____         | a. the car went right through a red light.  |
|   | b. Pam didn't pay attention to her driving. |
| 4. Quickly closing her laptop, _____        | a. Meg accidentally spilled her coffee.     |
|   | b. Meg's coffee was accidentally spilled.   |
| 5. Having studied robotics at school, _____ | a. they could explain how the robot worked. |
|   | b. the robot was no mystery to them.        |

**2** Combine these sentences using an expression from the grammar box to start the sentence.

- I played video games all day Saturday. I had a good time.  
*I had a good time playing video games all day Saturday.*
- My brother was shopping for cars. He had a hard time.
- Fred constantly checks his social networking pages. He wastes a lot of time.
- I'm attending the big technology expo next week. I'm going to have fun.
- Nash is having difficulty. He's trying to comprehend the concept of DNA storage.
- Norah was writing a genetic technology lecture. She spent a lot of time on it.
- The guard used the video surveillance camera to identify the intruder.  
He had an easy time.
- We were trying to follow what the scientist was saying. We were having problems.

**1** Using the words in parentheses, rewrite these sentences with reporting clauses in the simple past.

1. He had an irrational fear of spiders. (Luis / admit / his friend)  
*Luis admitted to his friend that he had an irrational fear of spiders.*
2. Some people really are luckier than others. (Min / agree / me)
3. There are too many pigeons in the park. (many people / complain / park staff)
4. He had spent his father's lucky dollar on candy. (Marco / confess / his mother)
5. It's bad luck to step on a crack in the sidewalk. (Marcie / explain / her little sister)
6. The day he met his wife was the luckiest day of his life. (Felix / announce / his wedding guests)

**2** Combine the sentences using a reporting clause with one of the nouns from the grammar box.

1. Kim accused Anna of being a superstitious person. Anna didn't agree.  
*Anna didn't agree with Kim's accusation that she was a superstitious person.*
2. Gianna argues that everything happens for a reason. Many people disagree.
3. Leslie asserted that superstition is based in fear. Carlos didn't understand.
4. Jae-woo decided that a trip to Las Vegas was what he needed. We were surprised.
5. Ernesto commented that hard work is more important than luck. Lily repeated what he said.
6. Hiroshi claimed he had won the chess game thanks to beginner's luck. Sandra didn't believe him.
7. Patrick remarked that Tanya probably shouldn't push her luck. Tanya ignored what he said.
8. Mr. Wang responded that actions speak louder than words. I understood him.

**1** Add a reporting clause in the passive with *it* to these statements. Use the verb and the suggested structure in parentheses.

1. The lost city of Atlantis had been discovered on April Fool's Day, 1980. (announce, simple past)

*It was announced that the lost city of Atlantis had been discovered on April Fool's Day, 1980.*

2. A fast-food restaurant discontinued a favorite hamburger as a publicity stunt. (reveal, present perfect)
3. Some people have a higher level of intuition than others. (understand, simple present)
4. Crop circles, patterns created by flattening crops, are a clever hoax. (can't deny, present modal)
5. The moon's pull on the earth affects the ocean tides. (maintain, simple present)
6. The politician was deceiving the nation. (should reveal, past modal)
7. A positive attitude was an important part of his cure. (observe, simple past)
8. One out of ten people falls for Internet scams every year. (estimate, past perfect)

**2** Rewrite these statements with a reporting clause in the passive with *it*.

1. An unknown source maintains that the Loch Ness Monster has been sighted several times.

*It is maintained that the Loch Ness Monster has been sighted several times.*

2. Archeologists have revealed that the ancient residents of Easter Island likely painted their statues.
3. Officials should have observed that there was a mysterious substance on the train floor.
4. People can't deny that ancient civilizations possessed knowledge lost to us today.
5. A newspaper has confirmed that a pack of 400 wolves was terrifying a town in Siberia.
6. The authorities have announced that 10 people on the ship got sick.