

Articles: A, An, The Exercises

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The following sentences have errors with the indefinite articles a, an, the. Some sentences need more than one correction.

1. European immigrants coming to America hoped for an friendly reception; some got quite a surprising welcome.
2. In 1621, a group of Pilgrims was actually greeted by an Native American who spoke English and offered them a pleasant welcome.
3. Squanto was member of Pawtuxet tribe and became a real friend of the Pilgrims.
4. An explorer had taken Squanto to visit England in 1605; his visit there had turned into a lengthy one.
5. He had not been home very long when he was kidnapped and sent to Spain as slave, but he escaped and caught an ship to England.
6. A truck loaded with dynamite cut in front of our van. When truck skidded a few seconds later, we almost plowed into it.
7. Bob warned me that gun on top shelf of cupboard was loaded.
8. Our short daughter dated tallest boy in her class.
9. During eclipse, one should not look directly at sun.
10. Please don't slam door when you leave.
11. Hundreds of thousands of the Africans were brought to United States before 1861.

Edit the following paragraphs to correct the use of articles.

One reason people immigrated to United States was to escape poverty. All during nineteenth century, immigrants flocked to the America to escape poverty. Unable in their own countries to find the jobs or grow the food for their families, they left their homes to seek their fortunes in a unknown land.

Irish and European families by the thousands settled on East Coast, often bringing only clothes on their backs. It took a self confidence to leave all that was familiar and start over again in new world. Before long, however, Irish were movers and shakers in the politics.

Norwegians and Swedes came to East Coast also, but they kept moving until they arrived in the Minnesota. Why did they decide to settle there? They were attracted by price of land in the Minnesota. It was free. To families who had never owned land and were escaping from an poverty, United States offered chance to start over. It offered them their best hope for a happiness.