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Chapter - 13 Determiners and Quantifiers

Good morning students

Today we are going to discuss about the topic 'Determiners and Quantifiers'. Students read these phrases

- the best boy
- that tree
- my brother
- every student
- some mistakes

In the above phrases the underlined words are determiners.

So we can say that determiners are words which identify or specify a noun in some way.

* Kinds of Determiners

1 Articles - (a, an, the)

- 'a' and 'an' are indefinite articles
- 'the' is called the definite article
- 'A' is used before words that begin with consonant sound.
e.g - a train, a man, a dog, a fan etc.
- 'An' is used before words that begin with vowel sound.

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Examples - an artist, an instrument,
an M.A, an honest man etc.

- 'the'

• We use 'the' before a noun whenever we want to make it particular.

e.g - the train by which I came

- the book I usually read.

- We use 'the' with superlatives. e.g

- the brightest star in the sky

- the most hilarious act

2. Possessives (my, our, yours, his, her, its, their etc)

- Possessives are used to show possession. e.g my book, your purse, our ministers etc.

3. Distributives - (Either, neither, each, every)

- Either is used to choose any of the two different options.

e.g - You can take either bus.

- Neither is used opposite to either in negative sense. e.g -

- You should take neither side.

- Each is used to think of things separately one by one. e.g

- Talk to each child separately.

- Every is used to think of things as group. e.g

Every child needs love and protection.

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4. Quantifiers → Quantifiers tell us something about number or quantity.

- Quantifiers like many and several suggest number for countables.

e.g. many pens, several trees etc

- Quantifiers like much and a little suggest quantity for uncountable. e.g. much ink, a little rice etc.

5. Demonstrative (this, that, these, those)

- 'This' and 'these' refer to the persons or objects close by. e.g.

- This book contains all the information.

- These flowers are for you.

- 'That' and those refer to persons and objects at a distance. e.g.

- That car belongs to my father.

- Those cars are for sale.

6. Interrogatives - (what, which, whose etc)

Determiners that help to ask questions may be described as Interrogatives.

e.g. which baskets, whose cleverness, what train etc

Alright students we have done with determiners. Now you need to revise the content and attempt all the book exercises in your books.

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