

## IELTS Speaking and Writing determiners pairwork

### Student A

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### A

Almost **a** third of the people surveyed...

Can I ask about **a** word in the question?

I don't know **a** lot about this, but I guess...

I started studying English when I was **a** junior high school student.

I will take **a** trip to the mountains.

It is **a** major problem

It was **a** long time ago, but I think...

That's **a** difficult question.

### An

**An** obvious difference between the two is...

I am **an** only child.

I work as **an** accountant.

My father is **an** office worker.

To give **an** example,...

### The

A great number of people hold **the** view that...

Almost **the** same as...

I will examine both sides of **the** argument and...

In **the** modern world

On **the** whole,...

Probably **the** most obvious example is...

**The** best solution to this problem is...

**The** following step is...

**The** former

**The** initial stage of the process is...

**The** latter

**The** main advantage of this solution is...

**The** majority of people who I know,...

**The** most noticeable trend is...

**The** most well-known/ famous example of this is...

**The** next step is...

**The** opposite point of view is that...

**The** start of the process cycle is...

Together, **the** graph and bar chart show that...

Look at both worksheets. What does each determiner mean?

## Student B

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### A

A couple of weeks ago...

A few years ago,...

A great advantage of this is...

A large number of people think that...

As a result,...

I'm not sure if this is a good example, but...

There is a common belief that...

### Any

I don't really have any hobbies, but...

### No

However, it is no contradiction to say that...

I'm no expert on this, but I would imagine...

### Some

Some people say that..., while others argue...

### The

Almost exactly the same as...

Almost the opposite...

I didn't understand the last part of the question.

In the following paragraph I will...

In the near future

One of the reasons why I believe this is...

The centre of the village

The surrounding area

In the majority of cases

The main drawback of...

Just the other day...

Sorry, I didn't catch the final word of the question.

Sorry, what was the question again?

The first thing that you notice...

The main trend is...

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