



可算名詞と不可算名詞

名詞は可算名詞と不可算名詞に分けることができる。(A)名詞は主に「a [an, one] + 単数形」「the + 単数形」「(the +) 複数形」「修飾語 + 複数形」などの形で用いる。(B)名詞は主に無冠詞で用いたり, the や修飾語を付けて用いる。

01 ((下線部に間違いがあれば訂正))

- a) This is school for deaf children aged 5 to 12.
- b) A peace continued for another 20 years.
- c) Marriage doesn't really appeal to me.
- d) He was a thin man with untidy hairs.



総称(種類・種族全般)の表し方

「犬(という動物)」のように特定の可算名詞の種類[種族]全般を表す場合は無冠詞で(A)形にするのが一般的だが, a [an] や the を付けて(B)形にすることもある。他方, 「音楽」のような不可算名詞の種類[種族]全般を表す場合は(C)にする。

02 イルカは知能の高い動物です。((下線部が不適切なのはどれか))

- a) Dolphin is an intelligent animal.
- b) A dolphin is an intelligent animal.
- c) The dolphin is an intelligent animal.
- d) Dolphins are intelligent animals.
- e) The dolphins are intelligent animals.

03 ((適語を選択))

- a) The UN asked all nations to stop killing (a whale, the whale, whales).
- b) (A tiger is, The tiger is, Tigers are) on the brink of extinction.
- c) (A telephone was, The telephone was, Telephones were) invented by Alexander Graham Bell.

04 ((適語を選択))

- a) (Iron, An iron, The iron) is a silver-white metal.
- b) Who said, "(History, The history) repeats itself"?
- c) I love sports, reading, and (music, a music, the music).
- d) (Air, The air) felt cold on my wet fingers.

05 ((適語を選択))

- a) I prefer (classical, the classical) music to any other genre.
- b) She studied (European, the European) history at college.
- c) The President pledged to revive (U.S., the U.S.) economy.



可算名詞と混同しやすい不可算名詞

advice や furniture は (A) 名詞だが, (B) 名詞と間違いやすいので注意が必要である。不可算名詞には a [an] を付けたり, 複数形にしたり, 数の大小を示す many, few, a number of などの修飾語を付けることはできない。

06 ((下線部に間違いがあれば訂正))

- a) Let me offer you an advice.
- b) For more informations, contact our office or visit our website.
- c) Please send me an e-mail when you get a chance.
- d) He handed me a paper with a phone number on it.
- e) I have a lot of homeworks to do tonight.
- f) We are expecting a rough weather tomorrow.

07 ((下線部に間違いがあれば訂正))

- a) We're selling used office equipments.
- b) There are few furnitures in her room.
- c) Do you have any baggages to check?