Differences between articles grammar elicitation
definite article/ zero article

In pairs, discuss why the two contrasting sentences with each number below have different articles.

1a) We had breakfast at 8 o'clock.

b) The breakfast on the train was awful.

2a) We left in the afternoon.

b) We left at night.

3a) We travelled by train.

b) We came by the early train.

4a) the Himalayas

b) Mont Blanc

5a) the United States
the Phillipines

b) England

6a) the London Road

b) London Road

7a) The telephone is a great invention.

b) Mobile phones are a nuisance.

Discuss as a class.

Try to make up similar pairs showing similar contrasts.

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