

Fish Trek Articles Game – Instructions

INTRODUCTION

Fish Trek is a grammar game that teaches you how to use “articles” – “a”, “an”, “the”, or no article.

HOW TO BEGIN LEARNING WITH FISH TREK

- Click Game Level and then click GO to begin.
- To restrict practice to just the new material introduced in a new level of play, A, B, C, etc., click the “Focused Practice” button.

*GENERAL RULES OF PLAY

You begin with five fish. You lose a fish with each incorrect answer. When all five fish are gone, the game is over. (Sometimes Fish Trek will give back fish as you play, however.) To add to the score, the fish must pass the twentieth square.

RED AND BLUE SQUARES

If your fish lands on a red square, you must start over -- but you continue to accumulate points until you answer incorrectly. If your fish lands on a blue square, the roll of the die is doubled. Additional red and blue squares appear as you progress with the game.

*SHOW CONTEXT BUTTON

To see the sentence in context, you may click SHOW CONTEXT at any time. The Show Context button puts the sentence in a short paragraph to help you decide which article to use.

RULES/EXAMPLES AND RULES SEARCH BUTTONS

The RULES/EXAMPLES button becomes RULES SEARCH when you answer a question. Click it and the program will find the rule and examples similar to the question you answered.

GAME LEVEL PRESENTATION

Games A-J match Parts A-J of *The Article Book* by Tom Cole, published by the University of Michigan Press.

If the Focused Practice option is not selected, the presentation of material is comprehensive. That is, Game B will include all of the sentences from Game A plus many more and Game C will include all of the sentences from Game A and B plus many more, etc. Fish Trek does not let you forget any aspect of article use as you go to higher levels of play.

*FOCUSED PRACTICE OPTION

Click on the Focused Practice button to restrict your practice to only the new material introduced in a new level of play (Game A, B, C, etc). Under the Focused Practice mode, the material presented is not comprehensive. That is, Game B will not include any of the material from Game A. This option allows you to concentrate on a single part of *The Article Book*. No high scores from the Focused Practice sessions are recorded on the High Scores Page.

*REVIEW SESSION AND PRINT AND VIEW OPTIONS

You can choose to review your mistakes after each game. Fish Trek also records all of your mistakes as you go along. To view them, click the "File Cabinet" button at the bottom right of the screen. This takes you to the Archives Page where you can see your mistakes and also view your high scores and all of the material in the game including the 650 supporting paragraphs. You can copy or print anything you see.