

Appendix 1: Forced-choice elicitation task

Circle the correct answer for each question.

1. We went to a wedding yesterday. A / The / Ø bride was wearing a lovely dress.
2. Any exercise is a / the / Ø good exercise, but when it comes to losing weight, nothing can beat running.
- 3.–5. A / The / Ø business always has some teams that are hotspots for creativity, and a / the / Ø creative ideas need a / the / Ø special climate to grow.
- 6.–7. It is hard enough to get a / the / Ø job of your dreams, no matter what it may be. However, it will get even harder for anyone if a / the / Ø worldwide financial crisis occurs.
8. There is a significant difference between an interview and an / the / Ø interrogation.
9. Julian ordered a cup of coffee and a dessert, but he didn't touch a / the / Ø dessert.
- 10.–12. At a gallery, I saw a beautiful landscape painting. I really wanted to meet an / the / Ø painter of a / the / Ø painting, but a / the / Ø gallery owner said he didn't have her contact information.
13. Robert was discussing an interesting book in his class. I went to discuss a / the / Ø book with him afterwards.
14. We have just arrived from New York. A / The / Ø plane was five hours late.
15. A / The / Ø happiness that I felt when Charlene became pregnant was beyond description.
16. I believe there is room for an / the / Ø improvement in every sportsman.
17. A / The / Ø tea that I received for my birthday is high-quality.
18. A / The / Ø Korean food is known for being spicy.
- 19.–20. The United Nations estimates that the world will face a / the / Ø severe water shortage by 2025 if we continue to use a / the / Ø water at today's rates.
21. It is important to draw a / the / Ø distinction between what you want and what you need.
22. An / The / Ø anger he felt after the accident nearly ended his career.
23. Scholarships can ease the costs of a / the / Ø college education.