The Noun Phrase (Articles, Determiners, Quantifiers, Pronouns) Worksheet 1:
Exercise 1: Articles and Determiners (Open Cloze)

Instruction: Read the text below. Use only one word in each gap. **If no word is needed (Zero Article), write a dash (-).**

The Psychology of Colour.
Colour plays a massive role in how we perceive the world. In the field of marketing, (1) _____ choice of shade can determine whether a product sells or stays on the shelf. For instance, red is often used to create (2) _____ urgency, which is why you frequently see this colour in clearance sales. Conversely, blue is associated with trust and calm. Consequently, many banks use it in (3) _____ corporate logos to make customers feel secure.
However, psychological reactions are not universal. In some cultures, white represents purity, while in (4) _____, it is associated with mourning. (5) _____ cultural differences mean that global brands must be careful. When launching a campaign, companies must ensure that (6) _____ message does not send the wrong signal simply because of the colours they choose. It is a subtle art, but (7) _____ that requires significant research. Ultimately, understanding colour is essential for (8) _____ successful communication.

Exercise 2: The Quantity Trap (Word Bank Completion)

Word Bank: PLENTY • FEW • WHOLE • ALL • LITTLE • EVERY • DEAL • NONE • MOST • SEVERAL • MUCH

Complete the sentences using a word from the list above. There are three extra words which you do not need to use.

1. Despite the extensive investigation, there is _____ evidence to suggest that the document is genuine.
2. The biology department spent the _____ semester analysing the results of the complex field study.
3. There are _____ of opportunities for graduates to find employment in the renewable energy sector.
4. Although the conference was well-advertised, very _____ delegates actually attended the keynote speech.
5. Almost _____ major city in the region has introduced stricter emissions regulations this year.
6. We have put a great _____ of effort into finalising this proposal before the deadline.
7. _____ of the machinery in the factory was damaged during the power surge, so production has stopped completely.
8. Please ensure that _____ safety procedures are followed strictly by staff members entering the laboratory.

Exercise 3: The Reference Web (Pronouns)

Part A: Complete the text with the correct pronoun.

The Antikythera Mechanism is a mysterious bronze device (1) _____ was discovered in a shipwreck off the coast of Greece. Scientists believe it was used to predict astronomical positions and eclipses decades in advance. The divers (2) _____ discovered the wreck originally thought they had found a mere rock, but later realised it was a complex machine. The device contains intricate gears, (3) _____ complexity was not seen again in Europe for another thousand years. Today, researchers are still studying the mechanism to understand how the ancient Greeks built (4) _____ without modern tools. It is a puzzle (5) _____ continues to fascinate historians, many of whom have dedicated (6) _____ to unlocking its secrets.

Part B: Reference Analysis

Look at the text above and answer the questions.

1. In gap 3, what does the relative pronoun refer to?
    - ➢ [ ] The machine/gears
    - ➢ [ ] The divers
    - ➢ [ ] The coast of Greece
2. In gap 6, who does the reflexive pronoun refer to?
    - ➢ [ ] The ancient Greeks
    - ➢ [ ] The historians
    - ➢ [ ] The secrets

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Exercise 1 Answers

1. the 2. - (Zero) 3. their 4. others 5. These/Such 6. the 7. one 8. - (Zero)

Exercise 2 Answers

1. LITTLE (Uncountable "evidence").
2. WHOLE (Singular "semester").
3. PLENTY (Collocation "plenty of").
4. FEW (Countable "delegates").
5. EVERY (Singular "city").
6. DEAL (Collocation "great deal of").
7. MUCH / MOST
8. ALL (Plural countable "procedures")

Exercise 3 Answers

Part A: 1. which/that 2. who/that 3. whose 4. it 5. that/which 6. Themselves
Part B: 1. The machine/gears 2. The historians.