# Spot the determiner: answers

What your child practised: what a determiner is, and finding it before a noun and any adjectives (Year 4 grammar word: determiner).

### Page 1 · Warm up

**a** cat · **the** tall tree · **my** new bike · **two** hungry ducks

### Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, e.g. **the** | old, creaky | door.

### Page 2 · A. Ring the determiner

**an · the · his · every · three · this · our · some · that**

### Page 3 · C. Right order

**the big dog · my red bike**
**a cold drink · some shiny coins**

### Page 3 · B. Determiner and noun

1. his → **sandwich**
2. The → **goat**; a → **sock**
3. some → **flowers**
4. two → **frogs**
5. That → **dog**; our → **postman**

### Page 3 · D. Word trains

Answers will vary, e.g. **a soft cushion**, **our noisy kettle**. Check the order: determiner, describing word, noun.

**Challenge:** No. **big** is an adjective: it describes the dog. The determiner is **the**, which comes first, before any adjectives. You can take "big" away and still have "the dog".

## Watch out for

- **Picking the describing word** (big in "the big dog"). Ask "Does it tell us which one, whose or how many, or what it's like?"
- **Picking the noun itself.** The determiner is the word that goes *before* the noun.
- **Describing word first** ("big the dog"). The determiner always leads the train.

## Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Swap the determiner:** say "the cake", then take turns changing just the first word: my cake, some cake, every cake, that cake.
- **Grow the train:** start with "a hat" and take turns adding a describing word: a red hat, a big red hat… The determiner stays at the front.
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, Articles, is all about choosing a, an and the.