

ARTICLE CHECKLIST

- a. underline all the nouns in your writing.
- b. If you have no article before the noun, is it
 - i) a noncount noun (e.g. enrollment growth)?
 - ii) a plural count noun (e.g. student numbers)?
 - iii) a proper noun?
- c. Draw boxes around the nouns with the article *the.*
- d. If you have the article *the* + noun, does this refer to someone or something that is specified by
 - i) the context (including common shared knowledge)?
 - ii) previous mention?
 - iii) mention within a noun group?
- e. Circle the nouns with the article *a.*
- f. If you have the article *a* + noun, does this refer to someone or something that is singular and:
 - i) is not specified?
 - ii) is being mentioned for the first time?
 - iii) is being classified? (e.g. This piece of apparatus is *a Bunsen burner.*)