

## Articles

**A** Complete the passage with *a*, *an*, *the* or – (no article).

## Happiness 101



Would you like to take <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ course that teaches you to be happy?  
 At <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Yale University you can! Twice a week, nearly 1200 students participate in  
<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ university's most popular class ever, 'Psychology and the Good Life'. It is  
<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ largest class size in <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ history of Yale. But why is it so popular?

Laurie Santos, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ professor who teaches <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ class, says that students are more depressed than ever before. In social science, many new theories on achieving happiness are being developed and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ students want to learn about them. Homework for <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ class includes being grateful, performing acts of kindness and developing social connections.

Sound interesting? Well, you don't have to be <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Yale student to take part.  
<sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ course is now being offered for free, through <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ online course.

**B** Work in groups. Read the paragraph again and then discuss the questions.

- 1 Would you join a class like this one?
- 2 Do you think you can learn to be happy?
- 3 Do the universities in your country offer any unusual courses?
- 4 Imagine you were opening a new university course. What subject would you offer?