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EXERCISE 1 (Focus 1, page 84)

Fill in each blank with *a/an*, *the*, or \emptyset .

The caravan entered between two ranks of guards. (1) The traders continued on to (2) the market, while (3) a guide took me to (4) the inn of the foreigners. (5) The guide made (6) the camel kneel down in front of (7) a large pavilion-like (8) \emptyset barracks. When he carried my traveling bags inside, I realized that it was (9) the inn. It was divided into two wings separated by (10) an extended reception hall; each wing contained (11) \emptyset adjoining rooms whose sides were constructed of (12) \emptyset hair cloth. (13) The room chosen for me was simple, even primitive: its floor was sandy, and it possessed (14) a bed (which consisted of (15) a wooden board laid on (16) the ground), (17) a chest for clothes, and (18) \emptyset cushions in (19) the middle. No sooner had I finished checking through my bags than I hurried to bed with (20) the eagerness of someone deprived of (21) \emptyset normal sleep for (22) a full month. I slept deeply until woken by (23) the day's heat. As though unwell, I rose from my bed and passed through into (24) the reception hall, which was crammed with (25) \emptyset guests, all of whom were seated in front of their rooms having (26) \emptyset breakfast. (27) A short man, slightly stout, wearing only (28) a loincloth, came up to me, "I am Fam, (29) the owner of (30) the inn," he said smiling. "Did you have (31) a good night?"

(From Naguib Mahfouz, *The Journey of Ibn Fattouma* [trans. Denys Johnson-Davies], New York: Doubleday, 1992.)