

## Article Practice 2

**Directions:** Add the correct article when appropriate. If no article is appropriate, write "x."  
(Sometimes more than one answer is possible). Then underline all count nouns and double underline noncount nouns that refer to the articles you used. Circle nouns that are both count and noncount.

1. Ulcerative colitis (UC) is \_\_\_\_ inflammatory condition affecting part or all of \_\_\_\_ large intestine, namely, \_\_\_\_ colon and \_\_\_\_ rectum.
2. Its symptoms, which range from mild to severe, may occur in \_\_\_\_ single episodes though \_\_\_\_ frequent flare-ups are also common.
3. This condition can be recognized by \_\_\_\_ three classic symptoms: \_\_\_\_ persistent diarrhea that is bloody and/or full of \_\_\_\_ mucus, \_\_\_\_ painful abdominal cramps in \_\_\_\_ lower abdomen, and \_\_\_\_ fever arising from \_\_\_\_ inflammation.
4. \_\_\_\_ fatigue and \_\_\_\_ loss of appetite and/or weight, in addition to \_\_\_\_ other symptoms that are not directly colon-related, such as \_\_\_\_ inflammation of the eyes, may also occur.
5. \_\_\_\_ UC is generally diagnosed by \_\_\_\_ three tests: \_\_\_\_ sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, or barium enema.
6. \_\_\_\_ sigmoidoscopy allows \_\_\_\_ direct observation of the lower intestinal tract, i.e. \_\_\_\_ sigmoid colon and rectum, while \_\_\_\_ colonoscopy permits examination of \_\_\_\_ entire colon (up to the end of \_\_\_\_ small intestine).
7. \_\_\_\_ third commonly used test, \_\_\_\_ barium enema, involves \_\_\_\_ series of x-rays that are taken once \_\_\_\_ barium dye has been ingested.
8. \_\_\_\_ number of options are available for \_\_\_\_ treatment.
9. These include \_\_\_\_ medications, such as \_\_\_\_ 5-ASA compounds, steroids and immunosuppressants.
10. \_\_\_\_ alternative mind/body treatments, such as \_\_\_\_ biofeedback, may also be suggested.
11. However, \_\_\_\_ patients with \_\_\_\_ severe cases may require \_\_\_\_ colonectomy, or \_\_\_\_ removal of \_\_\_\_ entire colon.