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# 1. 冠詞

Topic

International Politics

強調したり、はっきりと発音したりする場合を除いて、冠詞は弱く発音されるのが普通である。言い換えれば、冠詞は出現がかなり予測できるために弱い発音で十分なのだとも言ってもよい。強い発音形式では“a” “an” “the”が [ei], [ən], [ði:] のようになり、“eight” “and” “be” などと聞き間違える場合もある。いずれにせよ、文全体の意味を理解して、名詞の前に「何かがある」といった感じをつかむことが大切である。

● **Examples** 次の英文を、下線に注意しながら聞いてみよう。

A.

1. None of the four candidates won a majority.
2. A bill was unanimously approved by the Congress.  
bill: 法案 unanimously: 満場一致で
3. In the afternoon, the General Assembly elected a new Secretary General.  
Secretary General: 事務総長
4. The British Parliament opened an eight-day session.
5. He is not a good politician, but a politician.

B.

1. At a press conference, the Arab leaders denounced the presence of a group of Israeli soldiers in the area.  
denounce: 公然と非難する Israeli: (adj.) イスラエルの
2. An Israeli government spokesman disputed the Arab claim.  
dispute: 異論を唱える

3. The South African president called for a program of technology exchange with Brazil.
4. It is the first visit of the year for the president to the South American ally. ally: 同盟国
5. The first in a series of informal visits is scheduled for Wednesday.

● **Exercises** 次の英文を聞いて、カッコ内に入る語を聞き取ろう。

1. (① ) aid worker said (② ) refugees will leave in (③ ) week. But (④ ) military only gave them (⑤ ) day. (⑥ ) military may force out (⑦ ) group of 10,000 refugees.  
refugee: 難民
2. (⑧ ) two countries agreed to work for closer contact in (⑨ ) atmosphere of peaceful coexistence. But (⑩ ) announcement of (⑪ ) new order for warplanes dampened hopes for (⑫ ) return to (⑬ ) calm of last year. dampen: 希望などを低下させる
3. Japan (⑭ ) South Korea have failed to reach (⑮ ) agreement in (⑯ ) fishing rights dispute. Three days of talks in Seoul ended with (⑰ ) joint communiqué. (⑱ ) officials predict prolonged negotiations on (⑲ ) issue.  
fishing rights: 漁業権 joint communiqué: 共同声明