In “On Denoting” and the excerpt from “Descriptions”, Russell develops an analysis of determiner phrases, focusing especially on definite descriptions. In this exercise, divide into groups of five and evaluate the listed determiners in the linguistic contexts supplied. Produce group answers to the questions at the bottom.

1. **Determiners**: some, a/an, the, no, this

2. **Linguistic Contexts**
   
   A. _______ person came to my door with an offer I couldn’t refuse.
   
   B. A person came to my door this morning. _______ person had seen my “for sale” sign and had questions.
   
   C. Everyone has _______ person they confide in.
   
   D. _______ sperm whale will be hunted into extinction.
   
   E. _______ tiger has stripes.
   
   F. Used car salesman: “I bought _______ car yesterday.”

3. **Questions**
   
   A. With respect to each context, which determiners clearly fit/work? Which don’t clearly fit but could be made to fit with a suitable contextual framing? Which don’t fit and why? (Use the table below to keep account of these.)

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B. For each determiner, specify the conditions that are satisfied when it is employed felicitously in a context. (There may be different types of employments, in which case there may be more than one set of conditions.)

- **some:**

- **a/an:**

- **the:**

- **no:**

- **this:**