



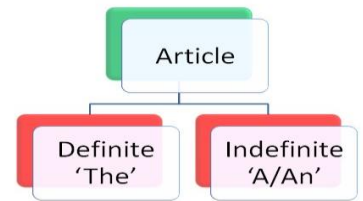
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WORKSHEET NO. 7	Topic: ARTICLES	Note: To be done in the notebook

The words 'a', 'an' and 'the' are articles. Articles are determiners and point out the nouns. They are always placed before nouns.

There are two types of articles:

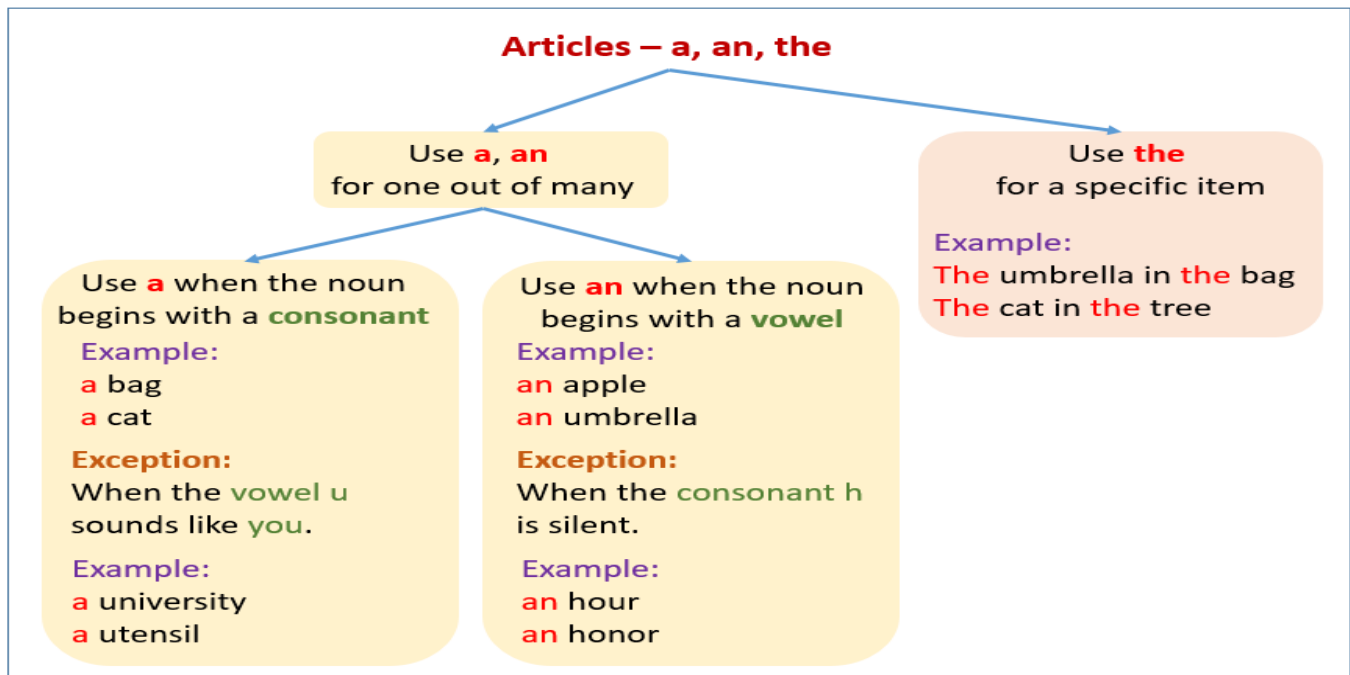
- the indefinite articles: a and an
- the definite article: the



Indefinite articles

'A' and 'an' are indefinite articles in English. They are used before common, singular, countable nouns.

Examples: a boy, a girl, a fan, an anchor, an island



'A' is used before nouns that begin with a consonant sound.

'An' is used before nouns that begin with a vowel sound.

Some words are pronounced with a consonant sound despite beginning with vowels such as u, o, e as in *university, one and European*. In such cases, we use the article 'a'.

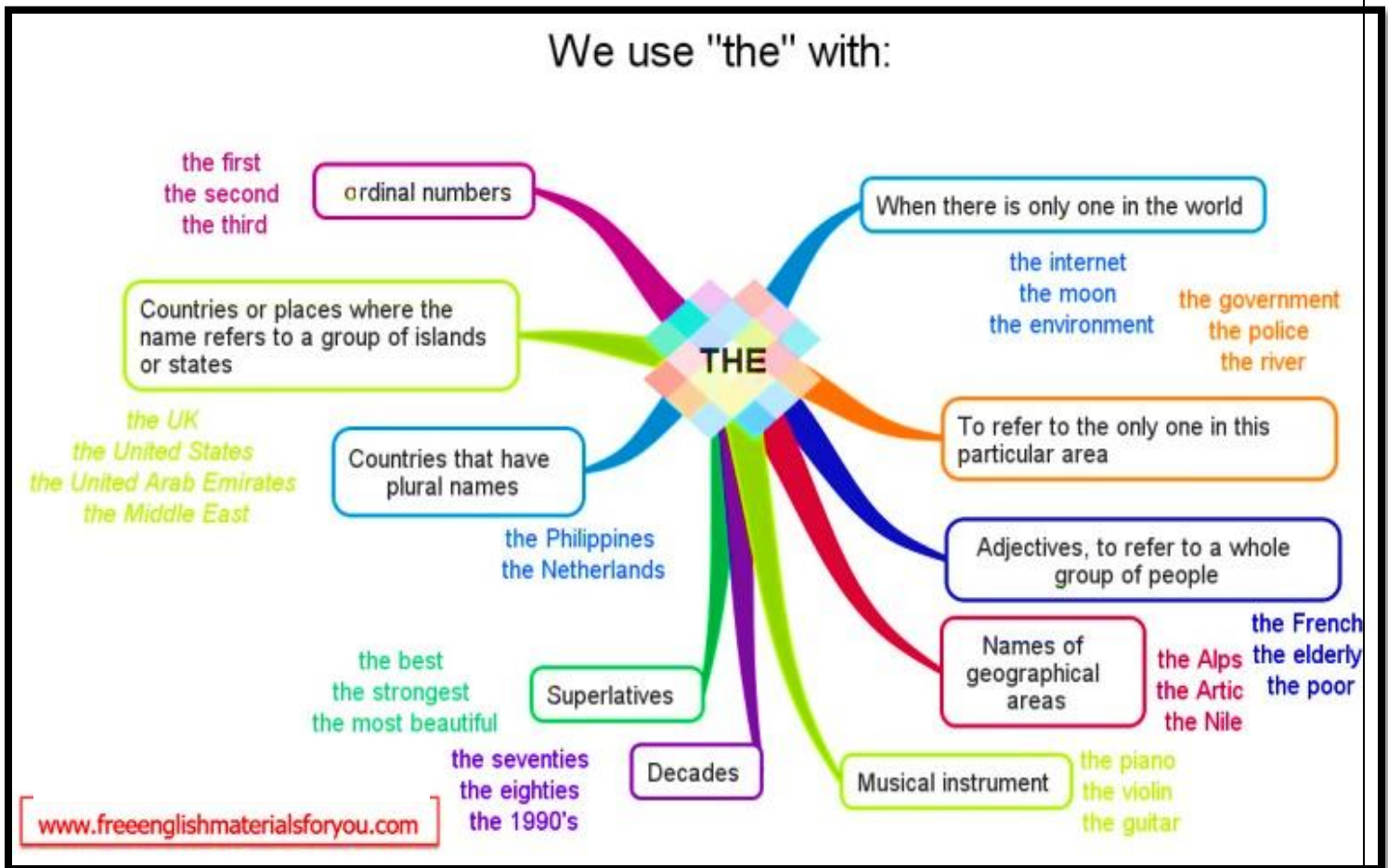
There are words that begin with a consonant but the consonant sound is silent such as *honest, honour, hour*. In such cases, we use the article 'an'.

There are words that begin with consonants but are pronounced with a vowel sound such as abbreviations like *M.A., LPG, M.L.A.* Such words also take the article 'an'.

Definite article

The definite article 'the' is used to refer to a specific noun.

We use 'the' with:



1. Nouns that have been used earlier

Example: My sister is making a film. The film is on Nepalese folk art.

2. Ordinals like first, second, third, next, further

Example: Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan was the second President of India.

3. A common noun representing a class

Example: The tiger is the national animal of India.

4. Unique nouns or nouns that are only one of their kind like sky, sun, earth, moon, etc.

Example: The sun rises in the East.

5. Names of-

groups of countries	the European Union, the United Kingdom
nationalities or religious communities	the English, the French, the Sikhs
mountain ranges	the Western Ghats, the Himalayas
famous buildings	the Parliament, the White House
holy books and epics	the Gita, the Mahabharata, the Bible
families	the Bhartis, the Pauls
titles, awards and honours	the Paramveer Chakra, the Nobel Prize

Omission of the definite article:

We do not use the before:	Example
proper nouns	New Delhi is the capital of India.
languages	Japanese is a difficult language to learn.
names of meals	Dinner has been served.
buildings with reference to their purpose like education institutions, places of worship, hospital, prison etc.	I will go to school tomorrow. I was in hospital for two months.
mountains (not ranges)	Mt Everest is the highest peak in the world.
uncountable and abstract nouns in a general sense	Wisdom is better than riches. Honey is sweet.
plural countable nouns used in a general sense	Elephants are the heaviest land animals.

Exercise:1

Fill in the blanks with definite or indefinite articles. Put X where no article is required.

1. We go to ----- hospital every morning to see our ailing uncle.
2. Landing ----- plane in fog takes ----- great deal of expertise.
3. Birds of ----- same feather flock together.
4. Would you like ----- sugar in your tea?
5. Amartya Sen, ----- great Indian economist, received -----Nobel Prize in Economics in 1998.
6. ----- man is ----- mortal.
7. She speaks ----- German with ----- proficiency.
8. He is ----- honorary member of the club.
9. Anyone with ----- M.Sc. degree in Mathematics can apply for the post.
10. A good dictionary is ----- must-have for ----- every student.

Exercise:2

Fill in the blanks with appropriate Articles. Put X where no article is required.

1. We have ____beautiful lake behind our house. Every winter, ____ lake freezes over and we can go ice skating. When I was ____kid, I used to spend ____ hours skating back and forth across ____ ice.
2. I can't believe how much ____ gallon of gas costs these days. If____ price keeps going up, I'm going to buy ____ electric car.
3. Carrie works for ____ amazing organization; ____organization provides ____food and ____supplies for ____ needy.
4. Joan of Arc was ____ French peasant girl, who was believed to be voiced by God to lead ____ French army to success in ____ Hundred Years War. She was ____ young, active, skilled and determined.
5. Scientists use (a) ____ variety of methods to study (b) ____ behavior of tigers and track their movements. Radio-tracking was first used to track tigers in Nepal in 1973. In this method, (c) ____collar with an attached radio transmitter is placed around the neck of (d) ____tiger. Scientists monitor (e) ____ radio transmissions as (f) ____tiger travels, tracking its whereabouts to learn about its range, life history, and behavior.
