



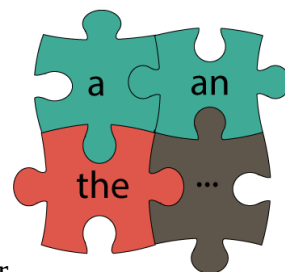
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The words 'a', 'an' and 'the' are articles. Articles are determiners and point out the nouns/pronouns. They are always placed before nouns/pronouns.

There are two types of articles:

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



Indefinite articles

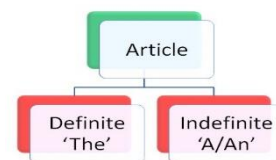
'A' and 'an' are indefinite articles in English. They are used before common, singular, countable nouns.

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

Using the indefinite articles, 'a' and 'an' -

'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:

- Nouns that have been used earlier**

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



ARTICLES: A / AN / THE



A / AN





THE

• Used for objects that are not specific or one of several things of a similar type E.g. I need a phone.	• Use for specific objects or objects that both the speaker and listener know E.g. Can you give me the books on the table?
• Used the first time we introduce an object E.g. I saw a movie last night.	• Used when we mention the object again E.g. The movie is based on a real-life incident.
• Used as synonyms for the number one E.g. They bought a computer.	• Used before plural countries or other plural regions and bodies of water E.g. The Netherlands
• Used to indicate one of a group E.g. She is a singer.	• Used before certain adjectives to give a plural meaning E.g. The rich

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 educational 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. Please give me _____ cake that is on the counter.
2. Our neighbors have _____ cat and _____ dog.
3. He is _____ European.
4. Miss Lin speaks _____ Chinese.
5. Should I take admission into _____ university or _____ college after completing my high school?
6. At _____ center of _____ square sits _____ colossal statue of Rani Lakshmbai.
7. Listen! Can you hear _____ music?
8. They go to _____ school next to _____ bridge.
9. He said he was _____ MP.
10. _____ picture is worth _____ thousand words

Exercise:2

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

1. Moving to _____ United States was _____ most exciting thing I have ever done. I moved last year to _____ New York. New York is _____ exciting city, full of _____ adventure. In fact, I saw _____ famous actor on _____ street yesterday!
2. Today, I have _____ job interview at _____ financial company. _____ company has _____ offices all over _____ world. I'm not sure that I have _____ required skills to get hired. I hope so. _____ company's office is on _____ Main Street. That's _____ same street my friend works on.
3. If I get hired, I could meet him after _____ work for drinks. That would be great. He's from _____ Scotland. He works 8 hours _____ day, 5 days _____ week.

Exercise:3

Complete the story using appropriate Articles. Put 'X' where no article is required.

1. Once _____ crane lived beside _____ pond. Its water dried up in summer. One day, _____ crane stood pretending to be in deep thought near _____ pond. _____ fish asked him what _____ matter was. _____ crane said that he was worried about them as _____ pond would soon dry up and they would all die. _____ fish asked him how they could escape. He said that he could take them one by one to _____ bigger pond full of water. He offered to take one fish to show him _____ new pond. When he brought back _____ fish alive, _____ other fish trusted him. Next day, he took _____ fish and ate it on his way. Thus all _____ fish died.
