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# *Articles*

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# Articles



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Grammar

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a

an

the

Indefinite articles

definite article



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*An article is a determiner & an adjective.  
Like determiners & adjectives, articles  
modify nouns.*

**A, an,** and **the** are called articles **A, an** are  
called indefinite articles **The** is called  
definite article



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# A AN THE

*The* is used to refer to specific or particular nouns.

*A / an* is used to modify non-specific or non-particular nouns.



We use a, an, or the before nouns that we want to introduce.

Nouns are names of people, places, animals or things.

*A Person*



*A Place*



*A Thing*

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# 'A' is used

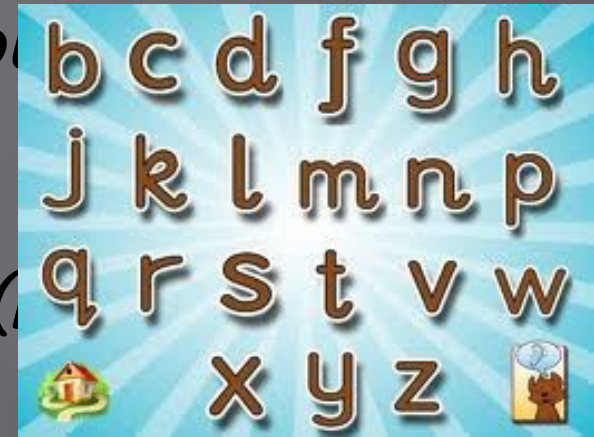
*Before beginning with a consonant sound*

*(Eg) a boy, a bird*



*Before a singular noun beginning with a consonant sound*

*a book, a school, a dog.*



*Even before vowel letters which don't have vowel sound.*

*(Eg) a European, a unit, a union.*





Some words start with a **vowel** letter but begin with a consonant sound, so we use **a** before these words too.



*a university*

*a uniform*



*a one-rupeenote*



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We use **a** before words that begin with a consonant.



*a girl*

*a clock*



*a lamp*



# 'An' is used

*Before a word beginning with a vowel*

*(Eg) an idiot, an apple*



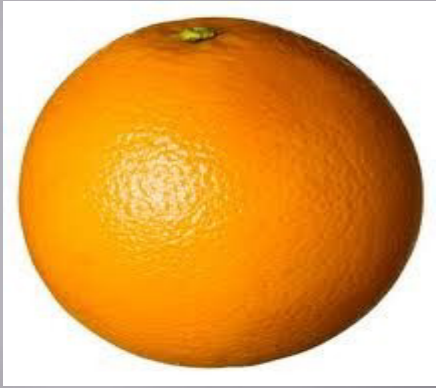
*Before a word beginning with 'h' sounded but not*

*(Eg) an honour, an hour, an honest man*



We use an before words that begin with a vowel sound .

*a, e, i, o, u are vowels*



*an orange*



*an umbrella*



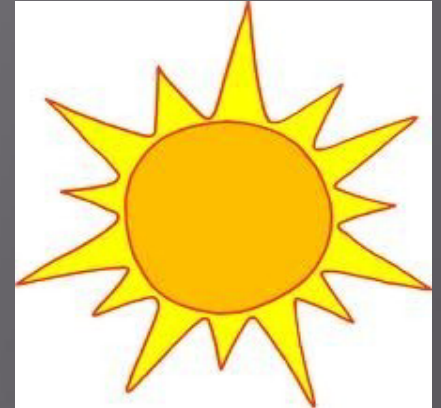
*an eye*



# 'The' is used

1. *Before unique objects*

*(Eg) the sun, the sky, the moon*

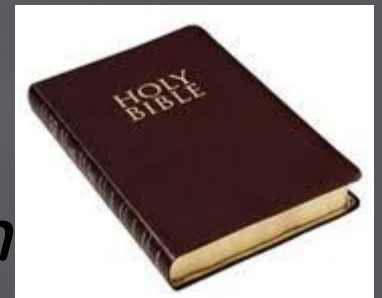


2. *Before the names of mountains, rivers, oceans, deserts etc.*

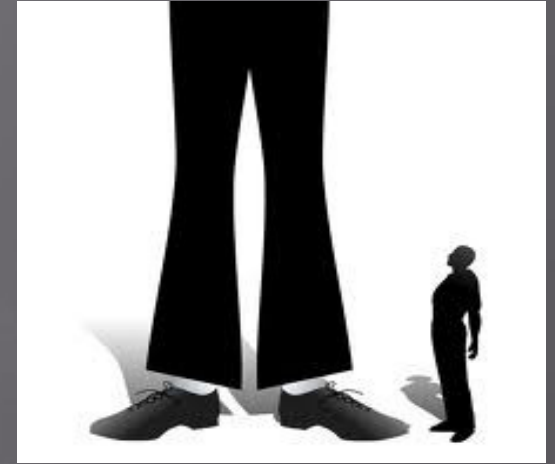
*(Eg) the Ganges, the Sahara, the Pacific*

3. *Before the names of books*

*(Eg) the Bible, the Ramayana, the*



4. *Before the superlative degree  
(Eg) the best, the tallest*



5. *Before musical instruments (Eg)  
the flute, the violin*

6. *Before an adjective to denote a whole class  
(Eg) the old, the rich, the poor*



We use the when we know that there is only one of a particular thing.



*the sky*

*the world*



*the North Pole*



# Omission of the article

1. Do not use any article before the names of countries, person, months and specific places ( Japan, Gandhiji, March, Friday, Christmas, Salem, etc. , exceptions are seen when the names of countries see the use of ‘the Peoples Republic of China’ , the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of ..., the United States of ...)
2. Before the names of material (gold, silver, diamond; iron & coal are mined here)
3. Before proper nouns (Lotus, Chennai, Priya)
4. Do not use any article before the common nouns. **Examples :**  
Cats like mice. Boys play games.
5. Before abstract nouns (honesty, wisdom, truth)
6. Before names of languages and subjects (Tamil, Physics, History, Hindi, English, Psychology)
7. Do not use any article before the names of games. **Examples**  
I play Tennis. They play football.
8. Before certain phrases (at noon, by train, on foot)
9. Before the names of relatives
10. Do not use any article before the names of foods and festivals. For **Ex :**  
He takes sugar with tea. We celebrate Holy in the month of March.
11. Before public places like, school, college, university, church, temple, hospital, prison, etc. , when these places are visited or used for their main purpose – e. g. , I learnt French at school. My aunt is still in hospital. (when referred to as a particular place rather than for their normal activity these places take ‘the’ before them, e. g. , The college is near my home. I met him at the temple.)





# Thanks



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