

A
An
The

Articles



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a

an

the

Indefinite articles

definite article

A, an and **the** are called articles

A, an are called indefinite articles

The is called definite article



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 Place



A thing

'A' is used

- *Before beginning with a consonant sound.*



Eg) a boy, a bird

- *Before a singular noun beginning*
(Eg) 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.



EXERCISE

- 1) She wears _____ uniform on Wednesday.
- 2) He gave me _____ one rupee coin.
- 3) Sona made _____ universal appeal.
- 4) India is _____ developing country.
- 5) He is ___ boy.

'An' is used

Before a word beginning with a vowel

(Eg) an idiot, an apple



Before a word beginning with 'h' but not sounded

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

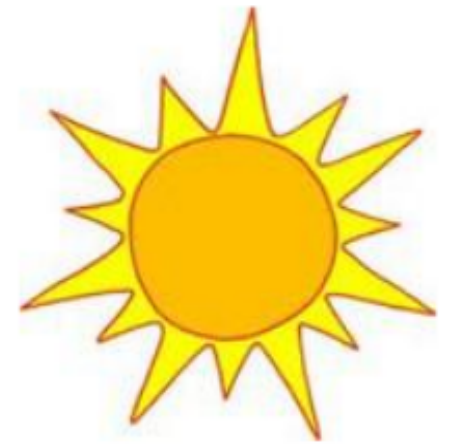
We use **an** before words that begin with a vowel
sound .

a, e, i, o, u are vowels

EXERCISE

1. _____ honest man is always respected.
2. Rahul is _____ engineer by profession
3. I bought _____ HMT watch
4. Mala is _____ M.A in English
5. My brother is _____ advocate.

'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

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3. *Before the names of books*

(Eg) the Bible, the Ramayana, the Quran

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*

7. ***Before ordinals***

(Eg) *the first, the ninth*



8. ***Before proper names (plural) of peoples(nations)***

(Eg) *the French, the Indians*



9. ***Abbreviations use "the"***

(Eg) *the UN", "the USA", "the IMF".*

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

the North Pole

EXERCISE

1. _____ earth goes round _____ sun.
2. I love watching _____ sun rise in _____ morning.
3. _____ Himalayas stand as sentinel to our country.
4. _____ man in _____ blue suit is our Principal.
5. My sister is working in _____ USA.

Omission of article

1. Before the names of relations (father, uncle, sister)
2. Before the names of material (gold, silver, diamond)
3. Before proper noun (Lotus, Chennai, Priya)
4. Before abstract noun (honesty, wisdom, truth)
5. Before language (Tamil, Hindi, English)
6. Before certain phrases (at noon, by train, on foot)

1. Sri Lanka is **an** island.

2. She gave Sita **a** one rupee note.

3. Maya wore **the** red colour saree.

4. He is **an** honourable man.

5. He met with **an** accident on his way home.

6. ___ Ganges is ___ holy water.

7. He worked efficiently as ___ M.L.A.

8. ___ Bible is ___ sacred book of
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15. _____ representative from Australia is _____ excellent speaker.

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