

A
A
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.

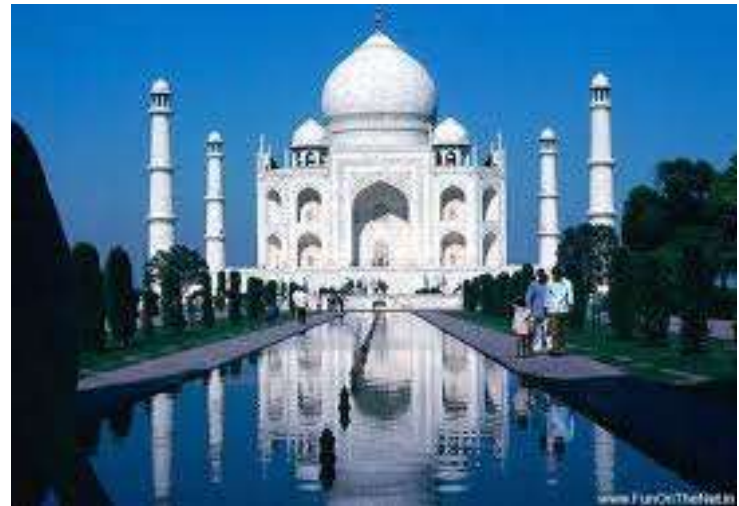
We use a, an, or the before nouns that we want to introduce.

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

A Person



A Place



A thing

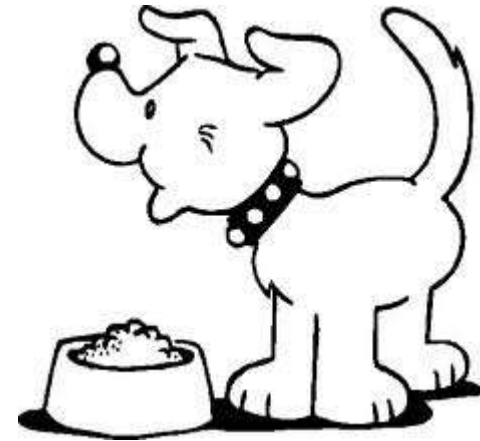
'A' is used

- *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.



a University



a Uniform



a one-Dollar note

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



a girl

a clock



a lamp

EXERCISE

Put the right article on the space:

1) She wears a uniform on Wednesday.

2) He gave me _____ one Dinar coin.

3) Sona made _____ universal appeal.

4) Japan is a developing country.

5) He is a boy.

'An' is used

*Before a word beginning with **a vowel***

(Eg) an idiot, an apple

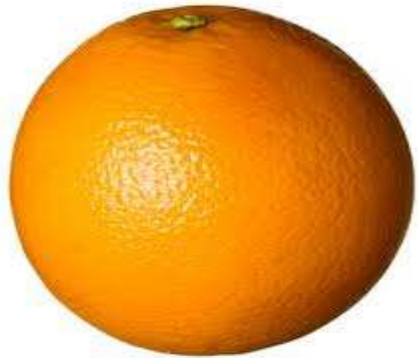


*Before a word beginning with ' **h**' but not sounded*

*(Eg) an honour, an hour, an **h**onest man*

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

a, e, i, o, u are vowels



an orange

an umbrella

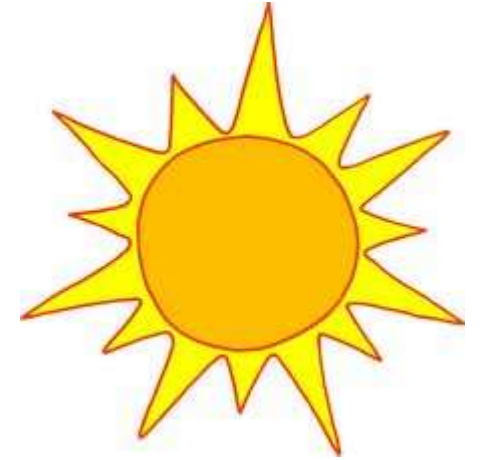


an eye

EXERCISE

1. An honest man is always respected. (why)
2. Rahul is an engineer by profession
3. I bought an HMT watch
4. Mala is an M.A in English
5. My brother is an 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 Thames, the Sahara, the Pacific



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*".

the USB

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



the sky

the world



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) X
2. Before the names of material (gold, silver, diamond) X
3. Before proper noun (Ali, Mohammed, Sarah) X
4. Before abstract noun/Uncountable (honesty, wisdom, truth)
5. Before language (Tamil, Hindi, English) X
6. Before certain phrases (at noon, by train, on foot) X

FILL IN THE BLANKS USING 'A' AN' OR 'THE':

1. Sri Lanka is An island.
2. She gave Sarah a one dollar note / coin.
3. Maya wore a red colour dress.
4. He is an honourable man.
5. He met with an accident on his way home.

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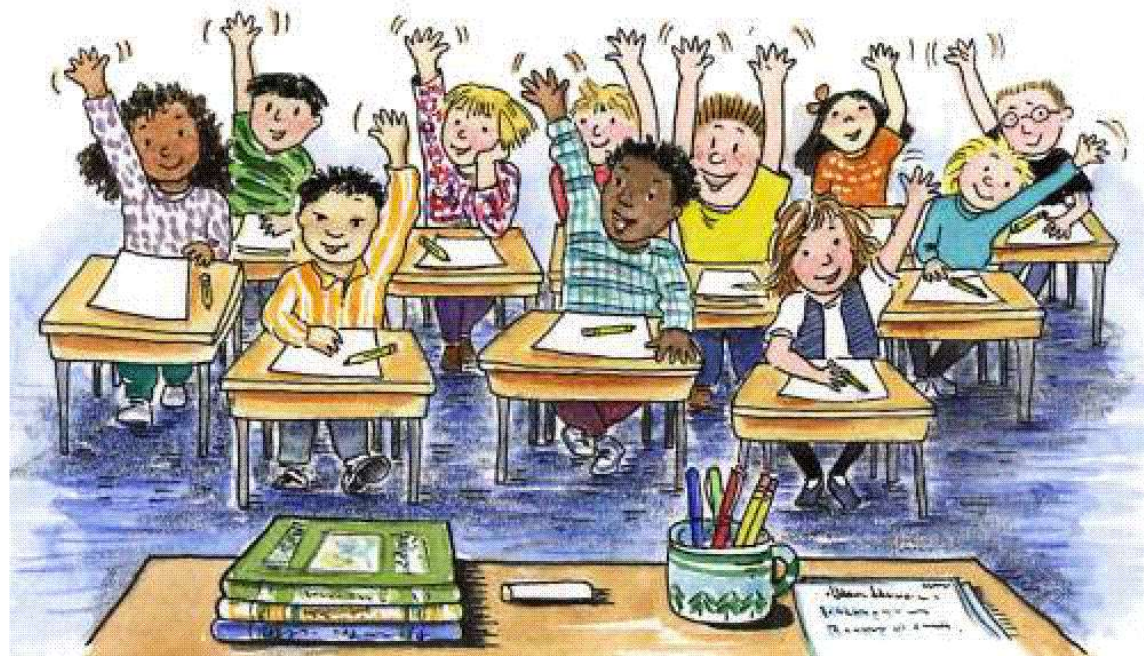
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THE END!!!



GREAT JOB!!!