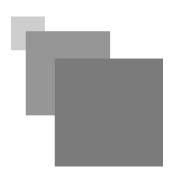
# Grammar



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## **Objectives**



By the end of this module, the student will

- Acquire a wide range of vocabulary
- be able to understand basic grammar rules and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading
- be able to use parts of speech correctly in written and spoken language

### **ARTICLES**



Indefinite Articles "a" and "an"

Exercice: Correct the following sentences by adding a/an where necessary

Definite Article "the"

5

#### Objectives:

after dealing with this chapter, the student will be able to properly use definite and indefinite articles "a, an and the" in their appropriate places.

#### 1. Indefinite Articles "a" and "an"

- the form "a" is used before a word beginning with a consonant, or a vowel sounded like consonant
- the form "an" is used before words beginning with a vowel or a mute H
- Before a singular countable noun when it is mentioned for the first time and represents no particular person or thing
- Before a singular countable noun which is used as an exemple of a class of thing
- In certain numerical expressions
- In expressions of price, speed, ratio, etc
- With few and little
- In exclamations before singular countable nouns
- Before abbreviations
- with a noun complement

### Example

A dog is AN animal

I see A man

A cat can catch A mouse

He is A doctor

A thousand, A milion, A great deal of, AN amount of... etc.

Four times A day

A few people came

It rained A little during the night

an MP

an FBI

### 2. Exercice: Correct the following sentences by adding a/an where necessary

[solution n°1 p.7]

| Jim goes everywhere by bike. He hasn't got |                                    |              |                      | car            |  |            |  |  |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|--|------------|--|--|
| 2.   | We went to                         | very nice re | staurant last weeker | nd             |  |            |  |  |
| 3.   | Would you like                     | apple?       |                      |                |  |            |  |  |
| 4.   | . I clean my teeth with toothpaste |              |                      |                |  |            |  |  |
| 5.   | . I use electric iron              |              |                      |                |  |            |  |  |
| 6.   | 6. Windows are made of glass       |              |                      |                |  |            |  |  |
| 7.   | The wall of China has              |              | average height of    | 10 metres, and |  | width of 5 |  |  |
|  | metres                             |              |                      |                |  |            |  |  |

#### 3. Definite Article "the"

The definite article "the" is the same for singular and plural and all genders

- Before nouns of which there is only one, or which are considered as one
- Before a noun which has become definite as a result of being mentioned in the second time

- Before a noun made definite by the addition of a phrase or a clause
- Before a noun which by reason of locality, can represent a particular thing
- Before superlatives and first, second... and only, used as adjectives or pronouns
- Before a singular noun used to represent a class of objects

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THE earth

His car struck a tree, you can still see the mark in THE tree

THE boy that i met

He went to THE doctor (his own doctor)

Please pass THE milk (the milk on the table)

Definite Article "the"

The Alps/ THE Atlantic ocean

THE dolphin is intelligent

See "The use of articles "a, an, the" in English"

### **Exercises solution**



> **Solution** n°1 Exercice p. 5

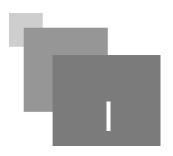
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