

# 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" 4

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

5

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

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A dog is *AN* animal

I see *A* man

A cat can catch *A* mouse

He is *A* doctor

A thousand, A million, 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]

1. Jim goes everywhere by bike. He hasn't got  car
2. We went to  very nice restaurant last weekend
3. Would you like  apple ?
4. I clean my teeth with toothpaste
5. I use  electric iron
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



### Example

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

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