

To start off with, there are two types of articles in English – Definite and Indefinite Articles.

'The' is the only Definite Article and the Indefinite Articles are 'a' and 'an'.

Common Mistakes While Using Articles

Here are some sentences where the meaning can vastly differ depending on the article used.

These are instances when writers tend to go wrong – as they face the dilemma of choosing the right one among two available options.

Let's take two examples.

Example 1: Pass me a/the book (Which book? Should a specific book be passed or will any book do?)

Example 2: I want a/the job (Which job? Any job, or a specific job that has been previously mentioned?)

Proper article usage is a must as it can help clarify a point but may even confuse readers, if used irresponsibly. This is why it is important for you to learn where and how to use the right articles.