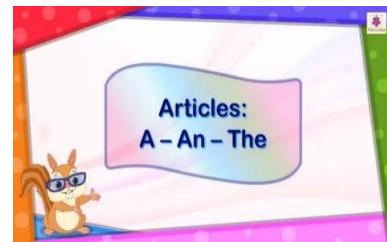




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## Articles – A, An & The



An article is a word that modifies or describes the noun.

It is used before the noun to show whether it refers to something specific or not. Basically, an article is an adjective.

Like adjectives, articles modify nouns.

English has two articles: 'the' and 'a/an'. 'The' is used to refer to specific or particular nouns; 'a'/'an' is used to modify non-specific or non-particular nouns.

We call,

**'the'** - definite article

**'a'/'an'** - indefinite article

\*For example, if we say-

"Let's read the book."

It means a specific book.

\*If we say-

"Let's read a book."

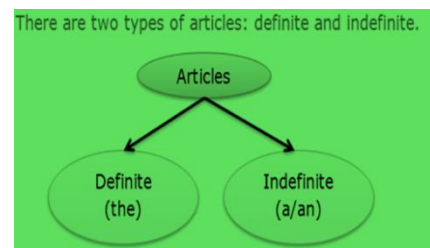
It means any book rather than a specific book.

**'The'** is used to refer to a specific or particular member of a group.

\*For example,

"I just saw the most popular movie of the year."

There are many movies, but only one particular movie is the most popular. Therefore, we use **'the'**.


















'A/an' is used to refer to a non-specific or non-particular member of the group.

\*For example,

"I would like to go to see a movie."

Here, we're not talking about a specific movie. We're talking about any movie.





## HOW TO USE A-AN

Usage	Examples		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Used before words beginning with a consonant sound</li></ul>	 a man	 a lamp	 a cat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Used before words that begin with a vowel sound.</li></ul>	 an apple	 an eraser	 an umbrella
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A(an) should agree with the first sound in the adjectives or the adverb-adjective combination which stands before a noun.</li></ul>	 an 80-year-old man	 a golden necklace	 a pretty girl
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use A before words, letters, numbers which sound like they begin with consonant even if the first letter is a vowel</li></ul>	 a euro	 a university	 a "1"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use AN before words, letters, numbers which sound like they start with a vowel even if the first letter is a consonant</li></ul>	 an hour	 an F	 an 8


### Exercise I.

Complete the following exercise with 'a' / 'an' articles. Put 'X' where no article is needed.

- I have \_\_\_ two sisters and \_\_\_ brother. My brother has \_\_\_ son. That makes me \_\_\_ uncle.
- Would you like \_\_\_ orange? Or would you prefer \_\_\_ banana? We also have \_\_\_ strawberries.
- Does anyone have \_\_\_ cell phone? I need to make \_\_\_ emergency phone call.
- Larry doesn't own \_\_\_ car. He rides \_\_\_ motorcycle to work.
- Today, you ate \_\_\_ ice cream cone, \_\_\_ piece of pizza, a burrito and \_\_\_ doughnuts. That's not exactly a healthy diet.
- Let's go to see \_\_\_ movie. There's \_\_\_ adventure film that I have really been wanting to see.
- Is there \_\_\_ Internet cafe around here? I need to send \_\_\_ important email.
- Instead of making \_\_\_ traditional turkey for 'Thanksgiving' dinner, she baked \_\_\_ enormous chicken.
- It looks like it is going to be \_\_\_ rainy day. You should take \_\_\_ umbrella.
- Phil and Debbie took an amazing vacation to Switzerland last year. They even climbed \_\_\_ mountain near Lucerne.

 <b>A / AN</b>		<b>THE</b> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used for objects that are not specific or one of several things of a similar type</li> </ul> <p>E.g. I need <b>a phone</b>.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use for specific objects or objects that both the speaker and listener know</li> </ul> <p>E.g. Can you give me <b>the books</b> on the table?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used the first time we introduce an object</li> </ul> <p>E.g. I saw <b>a movie</b> last night.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used when we mention the object again</li> </ul> <p>E.g. <b>The movie</b> is based on a real-life incident.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used as synonyms for the number one</li> </ul> <p>E.g. They bought <b>a computer</b>.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used before plural countries or other plural regions and bodies of water</li> </ul> <p>E.g. <b>The Netherlands</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used to indicate one of a group</li> </ul> <p>E.g. She is <b>a singer</b>.</p> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used before certain adjectives to give a plural meaning</li> </ul> <p>E.g. <b>The rich</b></p>

## THE ARTICLE "THE" IN GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

<b>DIRECTION REGIONS</b>  The North, the South, the East, and the West	<b>UNIONS OF COUNTRIES, STATES</b>  The United States of America, the United Kingdom, etc.	<b>GROUPS OF ISLANDS</b>  The Philippines, the Caribbean, the Canaries, etc.	<b>SEAS</b>  The Mediterranean, the Black, the Red, the Nile, etc.
<b>GULFS</b>  The Gulf Steam, the Persian Gulf, the Finland Gulf, etc.	<b>GROUPS OF LAKES</b>  The Great lakes, the Shats Lakes, the Vlahini Lakes, etc.	<b>RIVERS</b>  The Danube, the Dniro, the Amazon, etc.	<b>CANALS &amp; CHANNELS</b>  The English channel, the Panama canal, the Suez canal, etc.
<b>POLES</b>  The North Pole and the South Pole	<b>REPUBLICS</b>  The Czech Republic, the Republic of Cuba, the Congo, etc.	<b>POLAR REGIONS</b>  The Arctic and the Antarctic, etc.	<b>GROUPS OF MOUNTAINS</b>  The Rocky Mountains, the Caucasus, the Carparpathians, etc.
<b>OCEANS</b>  The Pacific, the Indian, the Atlantic and the Arctic, etc.	<b>REGIONS OF COUNTRIES</b>  "The American Midwest, the Mekong Delta, etc.	<b>DESERT</b>  The Sahara, the Gobi, the Kara Kum, etc.	

### Exercise II

#### Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.

- Italy is \_\_ European country.
- They grumbled \_\_ little about having to wait.
- Please pass \_\_ chocolate syrup.
- He bought \_\_ ice-cream.
- I first met him \_\_ year ago.
- I went to \_\_ hospital to see my friend.
- His uncle is \_\_ M.L.A.
- He is \_\_ honour to his profession.
- The court imposed \_\_ heavy penalty.
- January is \_\_ first month of the year.

