



## INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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### ARTICLES

**Articles** are words placed before nouns such as **a, an** (indefinite articles) and **the** (definite article). Sometimes no article is used; this is called the **zero article** (Ø).



| Article    | Basic idea                                                   | Example                       |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>a</b>   | singular countable noun; consonant sound                     | a book, a university          |
| <b>an</b>  | singular countable noun; vowel sound                         | an apple, an hour             |
| <b>the</b> | a particular or already identified person/thing              | the book on the desk          |
| <b>Ø</b>   | general meaning / many proper names / some fixed expressions | Ø water, Ø India, Ø breakfast |

### Articles



### Indefinite Articles: A and An

Use a/an before a **singular countable noun** when the person or thing is not specific or is mentioned for the first time.

- **A:** before a consonant sound: a dog, a banana, a laptop, a useful idea, a European, a university teacher.
- **AN:** before a vowel sound: an egg, an island, an eagle, an uncle, an hour, an honest person.

### **IMPORTANT!**

**Choose a/an by SOUND, not simply by the first letter.**

- a university / a European / a useful book → is a consonant sound.
- an hour / an honest person / an MBA → the spoken word begins with a vowel sound.
- an IAS officer → the letters are pronounced beginning with vowel sounds.

### Other common uses of A/AN

- **Occupations:** He is a teacher. She wants to become a doctor.
- **Rates, speed and price:** 80 km an hour; ₹60 a kilo; twice a day.
- **A singular noun representing any member of a class:** A student must work hard.
- **Exclamations with a singular countable noun:** What a beautiful day! What an amazing idea!
- **Measurements:** a litre, a pound, a half.



## The Definite Article: THE

**The** is used when the noun refers to a particular, known, unique, or clearly identified person or thing.

| Use                                                                               | Example                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Already mentioned                                                                 | I bought a car. The car is expensive.                         |
| Known to the reader/listener                                                      | The children are playing in the park.                         |
| Unique things                                                                     | the sun, the earth, the moon, the sea                         |
| A singular countable noun representing a whole class                              | The rose is my favourite flower.                              |
| Systems/services                                                                  | She is using the phone. / He went to the bank.                |
| Musical instruments                                                               | She plays the guitar.                                         |
| Families                                                                          | the Browns, the Rathors                                       |
| Geographical names such as oceans, rivers, canals and mountain ranges             | the Pacific Ocean, the Ganga, the Alps, the Suez Canal        |
| Plural country names or country names containing a descriptive plural/common noun | the Philippines, the Netherlands, the United States           |
| Some abbreviations/names                                                          | the USA, the UK, the UN                                       |
| Newspapers, some buildings and works of art                                       | the Hindu, the Taj Mahal, the Mona Lisa                       |
| Natural directions when referring to regions/directions                           | the North, the South                                          |
| Adjectives used as a group                                                        | the rich, the poor, the elderly                               |
| Nationalities referring to a people as a group                                    | the British, the Indians                                      |
| Superlatives                                                                      | the best, the happiest, the most intelligent                  |
| An adjective before a proper name                                                 | the immortal Shakespeare, the great Dickens                   |
| Certain time expressions                                                          | the day before, the week after next, the morning, the evening |

## Zero Article (Ø): When NO Article Is Used

| Situation                                   | Example                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Proper names                                | India is a beautiful country. New Delhi is the capital of India.                                   |
| Languages                                   | She speaks French. He is learning Arabic.                                                          |
| Means of transport after by                 | by bus, by train, by air                                                                           |
| Games and sports                            | play chess, play cricket, play football                                                            |
| Abstract nouns in a general sense           | Truth is important.                                                                                |
| Plural nouns in a general sense             | Books are useful. Cars are expensive.                                                              |
| Uncountable nouns in a general sense        | Water is essential. Glass is made from sand.                                                       |
| Meals in a general sense                    | We have breakfast at 7 a.m.                                                                        |
| Days and months                             | Monday, January, October                                                                           |
| Certain fixed expressions                   | at home, on foot, on leave, on loan, at night                                                      |
| Institutions used for their primary purpose | go to school to study; go to hospital for treatment; go to bed to sleep; go to court as a litigant |

**NOTE: Compare the meaning:** She went to school to study. (purpose)

Her mother went to the school to meet the teacher. (specific building)



## EXERCISE 1



Fill in each blank with **a**, **an**, **the**, or **Ø** (no article). Write **Ø** where no article is required.

1. Riya wants to become \_\_\_ architect and design eco-friendly buildings.
2. \_\_\_ Honesty is \_\_\_ important quality.
3. We visited \_\_\_ university that offers courses in artificial intelligence.
4. My brother is learning to play \_\_\_ violin, while I prefer \_\_\_ guitar.
5. \_\_\_ Mount Everest is \_\_\_ highest peak in the world.
6. She showed \_\_\_ unusual level of confidence during the debate.
7. Children should develop \_\_\_ habit of reading before going to bed.
8. \_\_\_ Knowledge without application is of little use.
9. We had to wait for \_\_\_ hour before the doctor arrived.
10. My father reads \_\_\_ newspaper every morning to stay informed about current affairs.



## EXERCISE 2



Edit the following sentences by correcting the article errors. If no article is required, write **Ø**.

1. The students in our class organised a awareness campaign to reduce plastic waste.
2. A more you read, Ø better your vocabulary becomes.
3. We stayed at an hotel that overlooked the Arabian Sea.
4. A rich should contribute towards the welfare of a poor.
5. She wants to pursue a MBA after completing her graduation.
6. An information you shared was a extremely useful.
7. My mother bought an European painting from an art exhibition.
8. The patience is essential when we are dealing with difficult situations.
9. We saw a owl sitting on an branch of an old tree.
10. Indian Ocean is warmer than many other oceans.

