

<p style="text-align: center;">THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE: A/AN <u>When we talk about something in general.</u></p> <p>a + consonant an + vowel (a, e, i, o, u) e.g. a book, a pen, a cat – an apple, an igloo, an octopus, an egg, an umbrella</p> <p>SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES 1) The letter h may be pronounced or not. E.g. a horse BUT an hour 2) The letter u may be pronounced either /ju/ or /ʌ/. e.g. a unit BUT an umbrella</p> <p>a / an + singular nouns I have a dog. a / an + occupations/ jobs He is a teacher. a / an + measurement expressions I have English lessons twice a week.</p> <p>WE USE THE DEFINITE ARTICLE BEFORE JOBS AND OCCUPATIONS. NATIONALITIES OR RELIGIONS WE USE THE ARTICLE WITH NAMES OF DAYS I am a housewife, she is a journalist Kate is a Catholic. I was born on a Thursday</p> <p>SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES</p> <p>We DO NOT use the indefinite article: 1) With plural nouns : - books 2) With Uncountable nouns: e.g. some sugar, some water 3) Before adjectives when they are not followed by a noun. e.g. She is old. BUT She is an old woman.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE DEFINITE ARTICLE: THE <u>When we talk about sth in particular, sth that has been mentioned earlier or sth unique.</u></p> <p>e.g. the sun, the moon, the earth, the stars, the sky, the sea</p> <p>Also :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the names of mountain ranges, oceans, seas, rivers and deserts, (the Alps, the Himalayas, the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea , the Amazon, the Nile, the Thames, the Sahara Desert) - With groups of islands, states, countries, (the Canary Islands, The United States of America, the United Kingdom) - With musical instruments (I can play the guitar/ violin/ piano, flute etc.) - WITH SUPERLATIVES <p>SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES We DO NOT use the definite article: 1) Before Proper nouns (Mary, Spain) 2) with the names of meals, school subjects, languages, games or sports, titles+ names with the names of individual mountains, lakes and islands:(Mount McKinley is the highest mountain in Alaska. She lives near Lake Windermere. Have you visited Long Island?)(breakfast, lunch, dinner / Math(s), Art, English etc / football, volleyball, tennis, badminton, chess, Captain Jones etc) 3) With plural nouns when we refer to something in general, (I like flowers. / Elephants are very big animals.) 4) After the possessive adjectives , the possessive case and the determiners: this – these, that - those (my book, your pen etc/ Mary's bag / this house etc) 5) Before the names of streets, squares 5) BEFORE THE WORDS CHURCH ,SCHOOL, PRISON ,HOSPITAL,UNIVERSITY WHEN I GO THERE AS A PATIENT STUDENT, PRISONER ETC*</p>
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EXERCISE 1

Complete with “a”, “an”, “the” or “-“ if no article is needed.

1. Paris iscapital of France. I'd like to visit it one day.
2. Bruce is the only boy at school who can speak Chinese.
3. My grandmother has been playingtennis since she was 12.
4. Alice loves walking inrain. She likes rainy days rather than sunny ones.

5. Ted is listening tonews onradio. He looks worried.
6. Peter is blind and has gotguide dog that goes with him everywhere.dog is a collie. He couldn't live without it.
7. When we were in Madrid we stayed atRitz, which isvery expensive hotel.
8. Stella drovechildren totown centre last Monday.
9. It's very hot today and Ben has turned onfan to get some fresh air.
10. Granny always makesdinner on Thanksgiving Day. She isexcellent cook.
11. Anna's cat is sitting onwindow ledge looking atmoon.
12. Yesterday John and Larry went tozoo.
13. Kent goes tobed late when he hasexam.
14. David always hasbreakfast inkitchen.
15. little boy fell off..... bicycle.
16. children like..... sweets.
17. . I have lost..... book I took out of..... library.
18. cats love..... fish.
19. Smoking..... cigarettes is unhealthy.
20. Mr and Mrs Jones go to..... church on..... Sunday.
21. They go to..... church round.....corner.
22. students read..... books.
23. student was reading.....book you gave him.
24. world is coming to an end on.....Friday.
25. He goes to..... work while Mrs Jones stays at..... home.
26. children go to..... school.
27. Mr Jones goes to..... office while Mrs Jones stays at..... home.
28. They live in..... house on.....corner of..... street.
29. children go to..... school over there.
30. dogs are not allowed in..... park.
31. Amazon flows from.....Andes to Atlantic.
32. Queen will speak on.....Christmas Day.
33. Mary wants to learn..... French before she goes to..... Continent.
34. In Paris, we stayed at..... George Vhotel, ate at..... Maxim's, and visited.....Louvre
35. Smiths were supposed to come to..... lunch we gave at..... Ritz, but Mrs Smith phoned to say they had to take..... young one to.....hospital

2.-FILL THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT ANSWER IN BRACKETS.

1.- I'm tired. I'm going to _____. (the bed / bed) 2.- I forgot to go to _____. (the bank / bank) 3.-I'm nervous because I've got to go to _____. (the dentist / dentist) 4.- I loved being at _____. (the university / university) 5.- We need to be at _____ in an hour. (the airport / airport) 6.- We need to be at _____ Heathrow airport in an hour.(the /x) 7.-I normally watch _____ after dinner. (the TV / TV) 8.- I listen to _____ in the morning. (the radio / radio) 9.- Her husband got home early from _____. (the work / work) 10.-I love _____. (the cheese / cheese) 11.-Why didn't someone tell me he was in _____? (the hospital / hospital) 12.- I love _____ food. (the Chinese / Chinese) 13.- HMV is in _____ Street. (the Oxford / Oxford)

3.-CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. Denver is located at the foot of _____ Rocky Mountains.
a) a b) the c) no article
2. Toronto is located on _____ Lake Ontario.
a) a b) the c) no article
3. San Diego is located near _____ Mexican border.
a) a b) the c) no article
4. Let's go to _____ Mexico.
a) a b) the c) no article
5. _____ Nile is the longest river in the world.
a) A b) The c) no article
6. _____ Sahara is the world's biggest desert.
a) A b) The c) no article
7. I spoke with _____ Chinese film director that I told you about.
a) a b) the c) no article
8. Do you speak _____ Chinese?
a) a b) the c) no article
9. I need _____ bottle of water.
a) a b) the c) no article
10. Spain is one of _____ largest European countries.
a) a b) the c) no article

4.-CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. I moved to _____ USA when I was 15 years old.
a) a b) the c) no article
2. I can spell as well as _____ most students.
a) a b) the c) no article
3. He is _____ most famous actor I know.
a) a b) the c) no article
4. Hurry up. We don't have _____ lot of time.
a) a b) the c) no article
5. I live around here = I live in _____ neighbourhood.
a) a b) the c) no article
6. I don't know at all = I don't have _____ clue.
a) a b) the c) no article
7. I have _____ idea!
a) an b) the c) no article
8. _____ tea in my cup is too hot to drink.
a) A b) The c) no article
9. The US President lives in _____ White House.
a) a b) the c) no article
10. My parents live in _____ white house. a) a b) the c) no article