

English-I

Topic: Articles

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Articles

- ▶ There are 03 articles in English Language:
 - ▶ A
 - ▶ An
 - ▶ The
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- ▶ Articles come before nouns, adverbs and adjectives

Kinds of articles

▶ **Definite articles:**

- ▶ The is a definite article as it point out some particular thing, person or place.
- ▶ Example:
- ▶ He saw the Doctor (some particular doctor known by listener and speaker)



▶ **Indefinite Article:**

- ▶ A/An or an is an indefinite article as it leaves things uncertain
- ▶ Example:
- ▶ I went to a doctor
- ▶ (you won't know which doctor just a doctor)

Article “A/An”

- ▶ A is used before any Singular countable noun.
- ▶ A is used before nouns starting with consonant sound (A cow)
- ▶ To introduce a countable noun for first time (There is a boy outside, ask the boy to come in)
- ▶ To refer to person or a thing that represents a class (A cow gives milk, Every garden have trees)
- ▶ Before name of profession (a college lecturer, zain wants to be a doctor, Mary hopes to be a nurse)
- ▶ Sometimes means the same kind, class(birds of a feather flock together, the shirts are of a size)
- ▶ In Exclamations (What a pity!)
- ▶ Before names to indicate unfamiliarity (there is a MR. Zain))

Difference between A and An

Article “AN”

- ▶ The article An is used before vowel sounds: alphabets are divided in vowels and consonants, vowels are those letters which doesn't make our lips touch each other. These vowels are: **A E I O U**
- ▶ Any word(noun) starting with a vowel sound will use An before it.
- ▶ Example:
- ▶ An umbrella
- ▶ An Orange
- ▶ An aeroplane

Article “The”

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Article “The”

- ▶ For persons that are already mentioned (There is a boy outside, ask **the** boy to come in)
- ▶ Where reference is clear from context (I live in a flat and **the** drawing room is so big and airy)
- ▶ Used before singular countable nouns when represents a class or kind (**The** businessmen will always think about money) {can be replaced by indefinites}
- ▶ Names of building or places such as Mosque, School, Hospital but we don't use definite article when these places are used as a reference of purpose
- ▶ Before Names of inhabitants of a country (the English live in England)
- ▶ The is used before names of mountain ranges, Rivers, lakes, oceans, deserts, canals, Icelands, country union of small states
- ▶ Used before names of government departments, ministries, organizations, famous buildings, ships etc
- ▶ Before names of great and holy books (The Torait is written in Hebrew language)
- ▶ Before superlatives (the finest silk comes from China,)
- ▶ Before comparative forms of adjectives and adverbs
- ▶ With adverbs (The faster you run)
- ▶ With adjectives used as plural noun (poor, blind)
- ▶ With names of families (The Smiths, The Ranas)

Zero Articles

- ▶ With name of languages (Chinese, Hebrew)
- ▶ With name of meals(lunch, dinner)
- ▶ With Special times/ holidays/ Festivals (Eid/ Christmas)
- ▶ With years, Seasons and months (he was born in 1882, Winter always depresses me)
- ▶ With parts of the day and night (midnight, he can't sleep at night)
- ▶ With dates in the writing (29th of June 2000)
- ▶ Talking about disease (she has high fever, she has stomachache)
- ▶ Relations in a personal context (mother wants you immediately)
- ▶ When phrases such as on foot, by bus, by air, by post are used
- ▶ When following phrases are used: kind of, type of, sort of (I will not tolerate this kind of attitude))