ARTICLES

Article is a word used to define whether a noun is mentioned in **specific** or in **general.** Those words are **'A' , 'An' ,** and **'The'.** These words are divided into groups like,

1. **Definite Article**
2. **Indefinite Article**

1)   DEFINITE ARTICLE

Definite Article is used to refer a specific or particular thing. Here definite article is word **'The'.**

Example: The car was stolen
        This denotes a particular car.

- Let's go to the mall.
- Where is the house?
- The movie was amazing.

Rules for using 'The' :

1. 'The' is used to mention a whole **group** or **class.**
- **Eg:** The Lion is a type of Carnivore
- The United States is a strong country in the world.
- The USA, The UAE, The UK
- The Elephant is the largest land mammal.

2. Used to particularize an **uncountable nouns.**

- **Eg:** The water in the Ocean is saline in nature.
- The furniture is neat and clean

3. Used to mention **Universal truth.**

- **Eg:** The Sun rises in the east
- The Nile is the largest river in the world.

4. Used to the names of **Oceans, Seas, rivers.**
- **Eg:** The Pacific ocean, The river Ganga, The Arabian Sea.

5. Used to refer a **group of island, mountain rages**
- **Eg:** The Andamans is the most beautiful island.
- The Himalayas is located in India.

2) **INDEFINITE ARTICLE**

Indefinite Article is used to refer a non-specific or general thing. There are 2 indefinite articles like, **'A' and 'An'**

- **'An'** is used for words with **vowel sound (a,e,i,o,u)**
  Eg: An Apple, An elephant, An Umbrella.

- **'An'** is used for words starting with silent **'h'**
  Eg: An Hourglass, An honorable man

- **'An'** is used for **abbreviations**
  Eg: An M.B.B.S, An M.L.A

- **'An'** is used to mention **someone** who belongs to a **certain group**
  Eg: She is an Engineer

✓ **'A'** is used for words with **consonant sound**

    Eg: A Dog, A Car, A Pen, A shoe

✓ **EXCEPTION:** If a word begins with **vowel** and ends in **consonant** sound, use **'A'**

    Eg: A University (Here 'U' is vowel but the word produce sound 'T')
    A Union

    DON'T USE ARTICLES BEFORE :

1. **Proper noun -** like name of the people, place, thing
2. **Nationalities –** She is French
3. **Name of Country –** India is my country
4. **Things** – sugar is bad for your health, Children like chocolates
5. **Days, months, subject, festivals, seasons, language, material like** gold, silver and diamond

Exercise 1:

Fill in the blank with the appropriate article, *a*, *an*, or *the*, or leave the space blank if no article is needed.

1. I want _____ apple from that basket.

2. _____ church on the corner is progressive.

3. Miss Lin speaks _____ Chinese.

4. I borrowed _____ pencil from your pile of pencils and pens.

5. One of the students said, "_____ professor is late today."

6 Eliza likes to play _____ volleyball.

7. I bought _____ umbrella to go out in the rain.

8. My daughter is learning to play _____ violin at her school.

9. Please give me _____ cake that is on the counter.

10. I lived on _____ Main Street when I first came to town.

11. Albany is the capital of _____ New York State.

12. My husband's family speaks _____ Polish language.

13. _____ apple a day keeps the doctor away.

14. _____ ink in my pen is red.

15. Our neighbors have _____ cat and _____ dog.

Answers: An, The, no article, a, The, no article, an , the, the, no article, no article ,

no article, An,The, a and a

Exercise 2:

1. French is _____ easy language.

2. Mumbai is ___ very dear place to live in

3. She is ___ untidy girl.

4. I bought ___ horse, ___ ox, and ___ buffalo.

5. If you see him, give him _____ message.

6. The guide knows _____ way.

7. Let us discuss ___ matter seriously

8. India is one of ___ most industrial countries in Asia.

9. He is ____ honour to this profession.

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Answer :

1. A
2. a
3. an
4. a, an, a
5. the
6. the
7. the
8. the
9. an