

What is an Article?

Articles are words that help to identify a noun used in a sentence is specific or unspecific. There are two types of articles:

- Definite article
- Indefinite article

Definite Article

Definite Articles is the word “The” It restricts the noun & narrows it down to one specific thing. Definite articles are used with singular, plural, or uncountable nouns.

Examples of Definite Articles

- Can you pass me the red ballpoint pen?
- Let's go to the park.
- What are your plans for the coming weekend?

Indefinite Article

Indefinite articles are not referring to a specific thing but to a general idea. Indefinite articles are two words “a” ,” an”

Examples of Indefinite Articles

- Can you please pass me an apple?
- I saw an actor in the mall today
- She has a collection of pretty shoes

Article Rules

There are few articles that are easy to understand & will improve your everyday language as well. Here are some of the article rules.

Article Rule 1

The very article rule is in front of specific singular/plural nouns that is specific in nature, always “the” used should be used before.

Example

The kid is polite with elders.

Can you pass me the ketchup bottle on table?

Article Rule 2

When referring to a noun that belongs to large group of nouns & is not specific, then indefinite articles should be used.

Example

I have been waiting for a reply from last night still there is no response.

I will ask a friend of mine to accompany me to my uncle's wedding.

Article Rule 3

In conversation "The" will only use when listeners have information about the speaker's topic.

Example

Are you done with the sale report?

Was it a salsa night at the club yesterday?

Article Rule 4

When there is an uncounted noun in a sentence, "The" should be used always.

Example

He dropped all the sugar on the ground.

He loves the chocolate her sister gifted on sibling's day.

Article Rule 5

When describing a group of places & not referring to any single place, "The" is used.

Example

The United Kingdom

The united states of America

Article Rule 6

"The" is used before the things that are unique and uncommon.

Example

The sun & stars lighten up my mood.

Article Rule 7

Always use the correct form of the article when forming a sentence, Correct form is article + adjective + Noun

Example

The bungalow on the beach

An open kitchen is perfect for our new home

Article Rule 8

You should always use “A” before a constant word & “An” vowel sound. Sometimes there are alphabets that are silent in the word, in this case, go with the sound of the word and choose “A” or “An”

Example

What an epic journey from Mumbai to goa!

I am planning to buy a big apartment.

Article Rule 9

Eliminate using articles in front of nationalities, names & languages

Examples

Hi I am Vijay, nice to meet you!

I learned Spanish in school

Article Rule 10

Do not use any articles when sentences are about a general idea elaborating a noun that is uncountable.

Example

She likes swimming

My son is graduating from SRCC

Articles A, An, The Rules with Examples

The Rules of Articles in English Grammar

"a"

It is used before a person's name who is not known personally.

e.g.

Do you know a Saleem Qureshi?

It is used in certain exclamatory sentences.

e.g.

What a beautiful day!

'A' is used before the names of days or months to refer to one.

e.g.

My birthday is on a Saturday this year.

"an"

An" is used when a word begins with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u)

e.g.

They found an oasis in the desert.

Sometime "An" is used before the name of profession.

e.g.

He is an editor

It is also used in some exclamatory sentences.

e.g.

What an awful comment to wake!

"the"

It is used before the names of sacred books.

e.g.

The Quran

It is used before ordinal numbers in letters.

e.g.

I am giving the last warning to you.

It is used before the names of musical instruments.

e.g.

The Drums