

Article





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- A
- An
- The

Articles in English: a, an, the □ Definite article: the; Indefinite articles: a, an □. Choice depends on specificity and sound, not spelling alone



What are articles



- Articles are determiners placed before nouns to show whether the noun is specific or general □□. “The” refers to a particular noun; “a/an” refer to a non-specific member of a group



Indefinite article

- Indefinite article: a — core ruleUse “a” before a singular, countable noun beginning with a consonant sound, or when first mentioning something non-specific □□□.Also used with jobs/roles and generic, non-specified items in narratives

Example of “A”

“a” — 5

A book was on the table □.

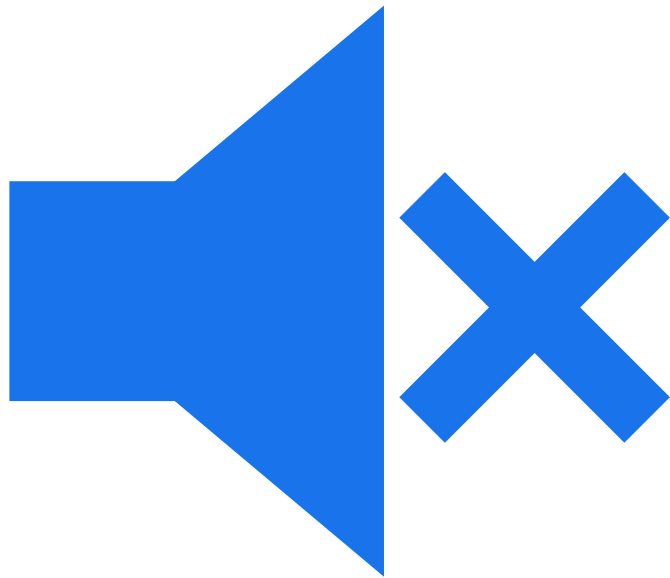
She met a doctor yesterday □.

He needs a uniform for school □.

They adopted a dog last week □.

We took a university tour in spring

Indefinite article: an — core rule



- Use “an” before a singular, countable noun beginning with a vowel sound, including words with a silent “h”
□□□.Focus on sound: an hour, an honest person, an umbrella, an apple



Example of “an”



An apple a day is healthy ☐.



She is an engineer by training ☐.



He waited for an hour in the lobby ☐☐.



That's an unusual idea for the project ☐.



We saw an owl in the woods ☐.



Definite article: the — core rule

- Use “the” for specific nouns known to both speaker and listener, or previously mentioned items □□. Also used for unique things, superlatives, ordinals, musical instruments, and when talking about a class as a whole in singular form (e.g., The dog) □

Example of “The”



Close the window, please □.



The sun set early today □.



She is the best player on the team □.

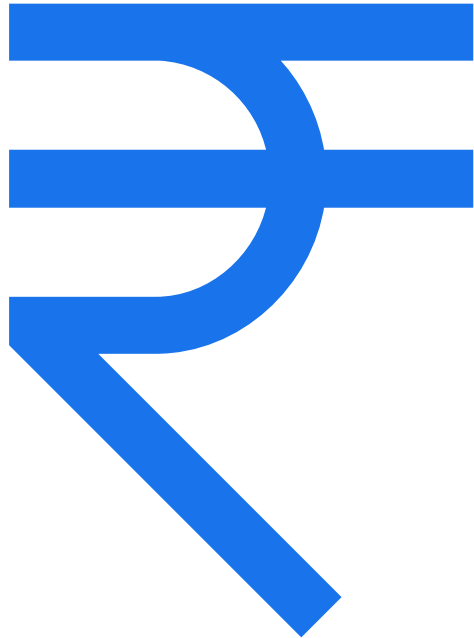


He played the flute beautifully □.



The Himalayas are snow-capped □.

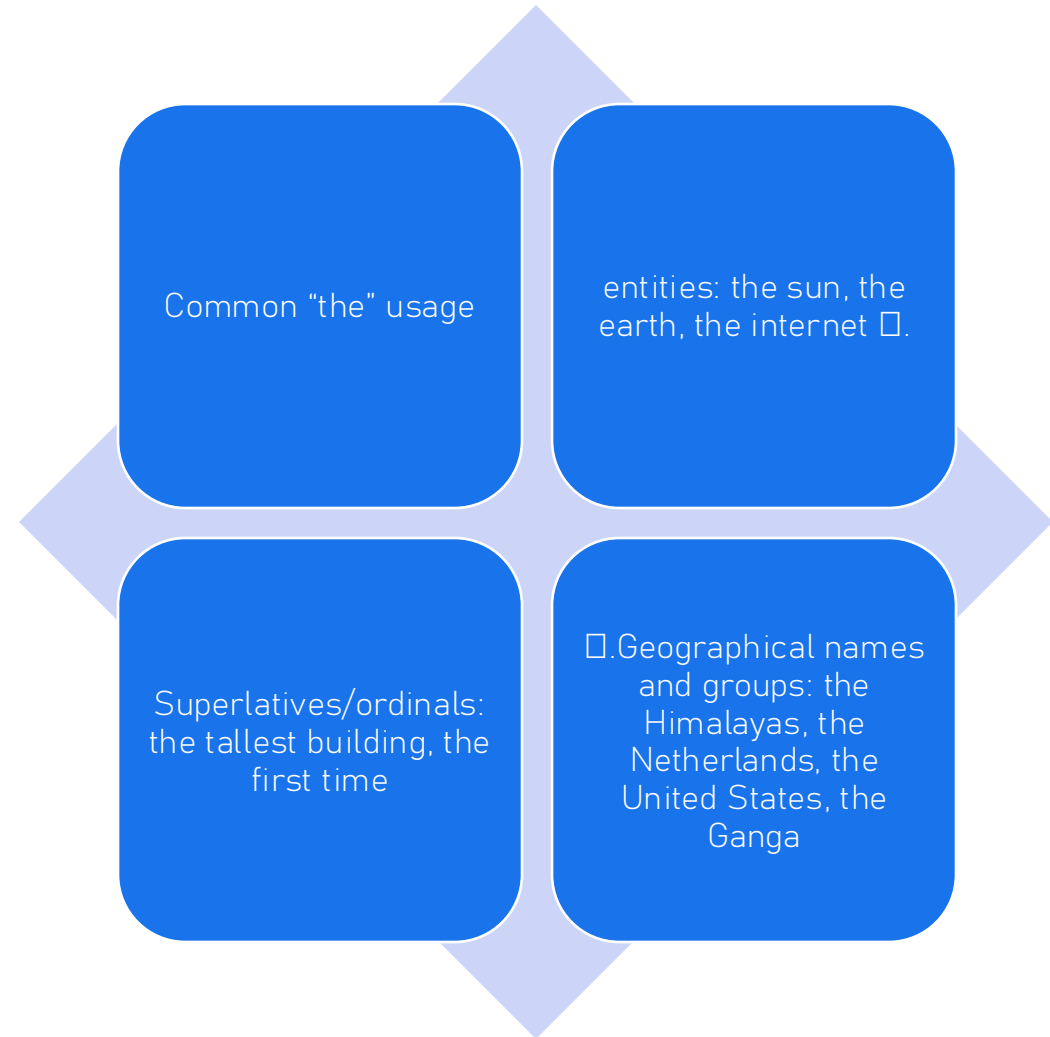
Exceptions



- Use by sound, not spelling: a European, a university, a one-rupee coin (y/w sound); an honest man, an hour (silent h) □□□. Before acronyms/initialisms, use the first sound: an MBA, a UGC rule



Usage of “The”



Omission of article



No article with general plural or uncountable nouns used in a general sense:



Books are useful;



Water is essential ☐☐



No article before most proper nouns, languages, meals, or school subjects: India, English, breakfast, Mathematics

Practice questions



Practice: choose a/an/the/



He bought .. books about astronomy last week. [Answer: Ø] □.



She spoke tohonest official at the office. [Answer: an]



We visitedUnited States in June.



He plays guitar very well.



.She isEuropean researcher at a university in London.

Extra practice questions

- Extra examples (class practice — 6 items)
- I read an interesting article about the internet yesterday □
- She became a teacher after an MBA from the IIMs □□
- .The Nile is longer than the Ganga in many measures □.
- Physics is difficult, but the physics in this chapter is simple .
- We arrived at school early and met the principal .
- He bought a uniform and an umbrella before the trip .

Recent Lines

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$
$$f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 - x^2}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x^2}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2xh + h^2}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h(2x + h)$$
