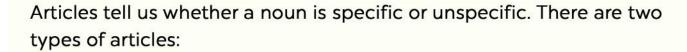
## What Are Articles?



#### 1. The definite article

"The" is called the definite article. It defines its noun as something specific (Something previously mentioned or known, something unique, something being identified by the speaker).

## **Examples**

- This is the book. (when the book being spoken about is already known to the reader/listener)
- The Taj Mahal (as it is something unique)

## 2. The indefinite article

"A" and "an" are called indefinite articles. They define a noun as something unspecific (something generic, something mentioned for the first time).

## **Examples**

This is a book. (This is a previously unspecified book)

# The following are some points to remember while using articles in a sentence:

The role of an article is to modify the noun. In some sentences, the adjectives already modify the nouns. In such cases, the article goes before the adjective.

## **Examples**

There is an excellent antique store across the street.

(an = article Excellent = adjective Antique store = noun)



Please lift the small box carefully.
( the = article
Small = adjective
Box = noun)

## 2. Indefinite articles are used with singular nouns only

The indefinite articles (a, an) are used for singular nouns and not plural nouns.

As an indefinite article specifies one thing, it is not used with uncountable (non-countable) nouns (e.g., water, air, integrity).

#### **Examples**

Incorrect: I want a fresh air

Correct: I want some fresh air

#### 3. Omission of articles

Occasionally, articles are omitted altogether before certain nouns. In such cases, the article is implied but not actually present. This implied article is sometimes called a "zero article." Most of the time, the article is omitted before nouns that refer to abstract ideas.

## **Examples**

**Incorrect:** Let's go out for a dinner tonight **Correct:** Let's go out for dinner tonight.

**Incorrect:** The kindness is a valuable quality.

**Correct:** Kindness is a valuable quality.



Now that you have understood the importance and rules of using articles, rewrite the given paragraph by adding articles in the right places.

Warm weather allows me to play outside. I like playing with my friends in park. There is apple tree in park. We pluck apples and eat them. We pluck apples for our parents as well. My mom once made apple pie. I took one slice for my friends. They wanted more and told me it is just slice of apple pie.

There is fountain next to park. We also bath in fountain sometimes. We
run through water. Tiles in fountain are slippery. I fell down once and
got cut. The doctor gave me injection. I learnt lesson that day.

