Using A, An, and The

A, An Rules

1. Use the article "a" in front of a noun that begins with a consonant.
   Example: I want a cake for my birthday.
2. Use the article "an" in front of a noun that begins with a vowel.
   Example: I want an apple cake for my birthday.
3. Use "a" or "an" before nouns that are not specific or non-countable.
4. Only use with singular nouns.

"The" Rules

1. Use the article "the" in front of any noun when you want to be *specific* or indicate there is only one of thing.
   Example: I want the cake with chocolate icing.
2. Use the article "the" with *plural nouns* countable and non-countable.
   Example: I want all the cakes.

Choose "a" or "an" for the following nouns.

1. _____dog
2. _____man
3. _____onion
4. _____letter
5. _____open door
6. _____ little red boat
7. _____ educational text
8. Where can I find _____ book about flower arrangement?
9. How long will _____ octopus live?
10. When I heard _____ owl outside my window, I grabbed _____ camera so I could take _____ picture.

Use a,an or the to complete the paragraph below.

Muhammad Ali was ___ famous boxer. Even today, he is thought of as one of ___ best boxers of all time. But Ali is famous for much more than his athletic talent. He was also ___ activist who fought for his beliefs. He spoke out on issues of race, religion, and politics.

Ali experienced a lot of success and fame as ___ boxer during the 1960s. At this time, ___ United States was fighting ___ Vietnam War. ___ Vietnam War was ___long conflict that had already seen many deaths. To help increase _____ number of troops, _____ U.S. government began drafting people into ___ military. This means the government required certain eligible American men to join ___ military. Muhammad Ali was against ___ war. His anti-war views and actions led to ___ historic Supreme Court case, *Clay v. United States*. (Readworks.org)

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