

- the object in general, is mentioned for the first time
- in number and quantity expressions such as: half an hour, once a day, three times a week
- expressions with possessives
- to describe a unique instance
- with uncountable nouns when we talk about one instance of it
- jobs, professions
- an example of a product made by a particular manufacture

	An experienced test-pilot earns a considerable amount of money.
	He was always dreaming about a Bentley.
	Though we haven't seen for ages, I am convinced he is a good friend of mine.
	Don't be so annoying! Don't be a Smith!
	I was walking in the park, when I saw a strange shadow in the wood.
	A Van Gogh we found in the attic was a fake.
	It was a weekend I can't stop thinking about.

- before a person's name if you don't know the person yourself
- describe the features of a particular holiday, season, any other period of time and say it was special when compared with other periods
- before the surname, when we want to underline the object's affiliation to a particular family
- before the names of artists if we speak about their pieces of art
- before names, surnames, nicknames when we speak not about a particular person, but about some features of character that are associated with him

	I check my messages hundred times a day.
	My granddad has heart problems, but every Sunday he starts his morning with a coffee.
	She used to be an Ugly Duckling at school.
	The first thing I saw, when I opened my eyes, was a fascinating blue sky.
	A John Dorian was calling you in the morning.

Choose the right article:

My imagination created ___ amusing picture of ___ happy future.

___ Cinderella was constantly working.

He invited ___ old friend of his to ___ party.

I have seen ___ police-officer on ___ corner of ___ street.

When Charlie was ___ child, he dreamt of being ___ FBI agent.

It took me ___ day or so to read ___ book.

I'm fond of painting, especially ___ Rembrandt.

There is ___ Dr Johnson on ___ phone.

I've just seen ___ Gosling!

___ police-officer standing on ___ corner of ___ street seemed to be worried.

As ___ writer I spend ___ lots of hours in front of ___ typewriter at ___ home.

___ OPEC meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

I saw ___ Dr Johnson yesterday. He asked to say hello to you.

That was ___ film I've never seen.

He is like ___ rest of his family - ___ real Gosling.

___ atmosphere in ___ classroom was nervous.

Do you think it could be ___ Rembrandt?

That was ___ winter we went to ___ Norway.

He is always bedding any girl with a pulse! Such ___ Casanova!