

# DEFINITE AND INDEFINITE ARTICLE



**Let's learn and practise.**

Grammar

*The roof is designed to give the impression of **a** dragon.  
It resembles **an** elephant which is part of Thai culture.*

The words **a** and **an** are called **indefinite articles**.

**A** is used for words which begin with a consonant sound.

Examples : • *a building* • *a dragon* • *a giant basket*

**An** is used for words which begin with a vowel sound or a silent 'h'.

Examples : • *an architect* • *an earthquake* • *an hour*

We do not put **a** or **an** before a plural noun because **a** and **an** means one.

Exceptions: We do not use **an** before a word that begins with a vowel that makes a 'y' sound. We use **a** instead.

Example: • *a unicorn* • *a university* • *a used car*

***The** handles are heated to prevent ice from forming.*

**The** is also known as a **definite article**.

**The** is used for **a particular person or thing**.

Examples : • *the roof* • *the architect* • *the owner*

**The** is used to refer to things that is **more than one**.

Examples: • *the fruits* • *the people* • *the buildings*

**The** is also used for **something that is the only one of its kind**.

Examples : • *the moon* • *the Solar System* • *the Sun*

Complete the sentences with **a** or **an**.

1. Miss Sharmila is \_\_\_\_\_ English teacher.
2. Vijay was shocked to see \_\_\_\_\_ iguana lying on the sofa.
3. They are looking for \_\_\_\_\_ apartment to stay for the weekend.
4. Sigat eats \_\_\_\_\_ slice of watermelon and \_\_\_\_\_ orange for lunch.
5. All the pupils of 5 Tulip are drawing \_\_\_\_\_ picture of \_\_\_\_\_ unicorn.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles.

This is \_\_\_\_\_ unique building. \_\_\_\_\_ name of this building is \_\_\_\_\_ Robot. \_\_\_\_\_ building was designed by \_\_\_\_\_ architect named Sumet Jumsai. It is located in Thailand. This cheery robot shows \_\_\_\_\_ friendly face of technology. \_\_\_\_\_ robot's eyes are \_\_\_\_\_ dining and meeting rooms, his eyelids are \_\_\_\_\_ sunshades, and his antennae are lightning rods. \_\_\_\_\_ head of \_\_\_\_\_ robot has nuts on both sides. The best part is that \_\_\_\_\_ robot's eyes are designed to wink at night. They wink to the tune of music. It is certainly \_\_\_\_\_ eye-catching masterpiece and \_\_\_\_\_ building every child would love to see.





## Let's learn.

We use **zero article** when a noun is not preceded by an indefinite (*a, an*) or a definite (*the*) article.

Examples:

1. When talking about things in general: *I hate cheese.*
2. Before countries and languages: *I am from China.*  
*She speaks Tamil.*
3. Before some forms of transport: *He goes to work by bus.*



## Let's practise.

Fill in the dialogue with the articles 'a', 'an', 'the' or '-' where necessary.

Najmee : Grandpa, how do you make **a wau**?

Grandfather : First, I split  bamboo and soak it for two weeks to make it flexible. Then, I make a lightweight frame from  bamboo splits. Next, I cut patterns from  rice-paper and glue them piece by piece on  frame to form beautiful motifs.

Najmee : What is the specialty of  wau, grandpa?

Grandfather : The wau makes  humming sound called *dengung* as it flies high in the air. The higher  kite flies and the stronger  wind blows make the wau produce this sound.

Najmee : Grandpa, is it true that these kites come in  different shapes and sizes?

Grandfather : Yes, Najmee. There are many types of wau such as *wau kucing*, *wau merak*, and *wau bulan*. When I bring a wau bulan to  event, everybody likes it because it is light and colourful.



## LISTENING AND SPEAKING ACTIVITY.

(YOU MUST USE CHROME IN EITHER YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER)

Click the  and listen carefully to the sentence. After that, click the record button and repeat the sentence that you heard.

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