

## Introduction to Articles

### A. Draw a picture of these things.

|                |                    |                      |                                        |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| rice           | <b>the</b> sun     | <b>a</b> house       | shoes                                  |
| <b>a</b> pizza | <b>an</b> elephant | <b>an</b> old castle | <b>the</b> clothes you are wearing now |

### B. Write three things you have at home that are used with *a*, *an*, and *no article*.

1. a ..... *hat* .....
2. an ..... *onion* .....
3. no article ..... *water* .....

### C. Complete the rules and examples with *a*, *an*, *the*, or *no article* (—).

1. Use ..... if everyone knows which thing or things you are talking about.  
Example: Please lock ..... door.
2. Use ..... if you are talking about one thing that starts with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u), and it doesn't matter which one. Example: I bought ..... umbrella.
3. Use ..... if you are talking about a name, or more than one thing, or something you can't count, and it doesn't matter which things. Example: I drink ..... milk.
4. Use ..... if you are talking about one thing that starts with a consonant sound (b, c, d, f, ...), and it doesn't matter which one. Example: Can I borrow ..... pen?

**D. Complete the sentences using the words from the boxes.**

|       |          |     |      |     |
|-------|----------|-----|------|-----|
| Sally | airplane | sky | dogs | car |
|-------|----------|-----|------|-----|

1. Please walk **the** ..... They need some exercise.
2. Please give this paper to ..... She is over there.
3. I don't have **a** ..... I ride my bike everywhere.
4. I saw **an** ..... It was in **the** .....

**A**

|       |         |       |     |      |       |
|-------|---------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| piano | ostrich | woman | zoo | cats | store |
|-------|---------|-------|-----|------|-------|

5. I don't like ..... They make me sneeze.
6. I saw **an** ..... at **the** ..... It was very big.
7. Please go to **the** ..... and buy some bread.
8. Yesterday, I met **a** ..... who plays **the** .....

**AN**

|        |        |          |      |        |
|--------|--------|----------|------|--------|
| eraser | London | homework | coat | lesson |
|--------|--------|----------|------|--------|

9. I need to buy **a** new ..... Mine is too old.
10. Can I borrow **an** .....? I lost mine.
11. Do **the** ..... before **the** next .....
12. I want to go to ..... on my next holiday.

**THE**

**E. Rewrite the conversations. Add *a, an, the*, or *no article* before the words in bold.**

1. A: Are you going to **supermarket**? A: .....
- B: Yes, to buy **eggs** and **bag of chips**. B: .....
2. A: I bought you **flowers**. A: .....
- B: Thank you! **Roses** are beautiful. B: .....
3. A: I want **elephant** for **Christmas**. A: .....
- B: Sorry, it won't fit in **house**. B: .....
4. A: Do you have **orange pencil**? A: .....
- B: No, but I have **red one**. B: .....
- A: OK. Can I borrow **red one**? A: .....