



Unit 9
Grammar
Noun phrases

1-Articles:

Form

1-a/ an + singular countable noun

1- He got **a** credit card for \$ 500.

2-I'd like to give you **an** example of successful banking scheme.

Usage:

We use a/ an + singular countable noun.

1- to say that a person or thing is one of many.

He's **a** bank manager. (There are lots of bank managers — he's one of them.)

2- to refer to a person or thing for the first time.

There's **a** new mobile phone shop in town.

3- to talk about a person or a thing in general.

I'm looking for **a** new job.

We use an with singular countable nouns which start with a vowel,

1- You will receive **an** email to confirm your purchase.

2-the + singular countable noun, plural countable noun, uncountable noun

Form:

1-the+Countable noun

Have you paid **the** bill that arrived yesterday? (specific bill, not bill in general)

2- the+Plural countable noun



She was having difficulty marking **mortgage payments**. (specific payments. Which ones? Mortgage)

3- **the+ uncountable noun**

He made **coffee**. (Specific kind of coffee that he made on a certain occasion)

The shop keeper showed me the discount furniture on sale.

Usage:

We use **the + singular countable noun, plural countable noun or uncountable noun:**

1- to say there is only one of this thing.

He's **director** of the new shopping and leisure centre. {There's only one director in the centre.}

2- to refer back to the same thing or person for a second/third/fourth.... etc. time.

Those are **shoes** I wanted to buy.

With certain countries, place names, geographical regions, oceans and seas, deserts, mountain ranges and rivers,

USA, UK,

Philippines

Eiffel Tower

Louvre

White House,

Middle East

Antarctic

Pacific

Mediterranean

Kalahari Desert

Alps

Himalayas

Amazon



Nile

with **superlative adjectives**,

biggest city

newest shop

most expensive phone.

when there is **only one**; it's one of its kind; it's unique

world

weather

environment

moon

sun

sea

sky

president

CEO

We **DO NOT** use **the** with the names of people, towns, countries, continents, lakes and mountains, languages:

Names of people: Joseph/ Henry/ Christopher Columbus London

Names of cities: New York, Berlin, Kuala Lumpur, Australia

Names of certain counties: Egypt, Japan,

Names of continents: Africa, South America, Europe

Names of lakes: Lake Victoria, Lake Michigan, Lake Geneva

Names of mountains: Mount Rushmore, Mount Everest

Names of languages: Arabic, Greek, Latin, English,
Spanish, Japanese.

3- **Zero article + plural countable noun, uncountable noun**



Form:

1- Zero article+ Plural countable noun

I like watching **American films.** (Zero article because we refer to films in general)

2- Zero article+uncountable noun

I love **pasta.** (Zero article because we refer to pasta in general)

Usage:

We use **zero article + plural countable noun and uncountable noun** to refer in general to people, animals or things.

I don't receive **bank statements** by pas? any more.

Online banking is very convenient.

Do you like **cats**?

