

## Definite and Indefinite articles

1 We use **a/an** when we don't need to indicate which one but we use **the** when it's clear which one we mean.

2 We say **the** when there's only of something (including superlatives here).

3 We usually say **the sea, the ground, the sky, the countryside** but we say **go to sea, be at sea** meaning *go/be on a voyage*.

4 We need the definite article when we talk about **the cinema, the theatre, the radio** but we usually say **television**.

5 When we mean **something in general** we don't use the article

6 We use **the + musical instruments** and also **the + adjectives** such as **rich, poor, old, young, unemployed**, meaning plural.

7 We don't use the definite article before the **names of meals**

8 With words such as **prison, school, church, university, college, hospital** we don't use the article when we think about what they are used for.

9 We don't use **go + article** before **bed, work, home**.

10 We don't use articles before names of **continents, countries, states, cities, towns or villages** except when the countries are **groups of islands or states**.



### A/AN/THE or NO ARTICLE (X)

My cousin works for \_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> international airline in \_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> USA.

Did she go to \_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> university?

Yes. She has just graduated with \_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> first-class honours in psychology.

Do you work for \_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> big company?

No, not yet. I'm still \_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> student but I can play \_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> violin very well.



If you ever get \_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> computer virus, stop sending \_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> emails immediately. If your monitor stops working, turn off \_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> computer and wait \_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> minute. One of \_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> most famous viruses was \_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup> Love Letter, created in May, 2000. It was so dangerous that when \_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> people thought they had got rid of \_\_\_\_<sup>15</sup> virus it sat waiting in \_\_\_\_<sup>16</sup> unopened file to be spread all over \_\_\_\_<sup>17</sup> world. The man who created it was from \_\_\_\_<sup>18</sup> Philipines. \_\_\_\_<sup>19</sup> American programmer created \_\_\_\_<sup>20</sup> Melissa virus in 1999. He was in \_\_\_\_<sup>21</sup> prison for only 20 months. \_\_\_\_<sup>22</sup> first virus to travel from \_\_\_\_<sup>23</sup> computer to \_\_\_\_<sup>24</sup> computer was Brain, in 1986.

I started going to \_\_\_\_<sup>25</sup> evening classes and soon I realised I was going to work with \_\_\_\_<sup>26</sup> computers for \_\_\_\_<sup>27</sup> rest of my life. I've been very interested in \_\_\_\_<sup>28</sup> smartphones and \_\_\_\_<sup>29</sup> tablets for some time now.



Do you sometimes listen to \_\_\_\_<sup>30</sup> radio?  
Are you at \_\_\_\_<sup>31</sup> home? Would you like to go to \_\_\_\_<sup>32</sup> theatre?  
I rarely see \_\_\_\_<sup>33</sup> play. There isn't \_\_\_\_<sup>34</sup> theatre in my town.

Do you want \_\_\_\_<sup>35</sup> coffee? I've just put \_\_\_\_<sup>36</sup> kettle on.  
Have you had \_\_\_\_<sup>37</sup> lunch? You look tired! Why don't we spend the weekend in \_\_\_\_<sup>38</sup> countryside?

I won't go to \_\_\_\_<sup>39</sup> work tomorrow. I'll stay \_\_\_\_<sup>40</sup> home and have some rest. I've got to go to \_\_\_\_<sup>41</sup> hospital to visit \_\_\_\_<sup>42</sup> friend of mine this evening.

Why is she in \_\_\_\_<sup>43</sup> hospital?

\_\_\_\_<sup>44</sup> rich are always worried about their appearance. She had \_\_\_\_<sup>45</sup> cosmetic surgery. By the way, what \_\_\_\_<sup>46</sup> lovely dress you're wearing! Are you still working as \_\_\_\_<sup>47</sup> designer?

Yes, I've just sold my summer collection to \_\_\_\_<sup>48</sup> famous department store chain in \_\_\_\_<sup>49</sup> Ireland.

Such \_\_\_\_<sup>50</sup> lucky girl!