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First mention

I saw **an old woman** and **a dog** in the park.

Jobs

Paula is **a teacher**.

Descriptions

Paris is **an interesting city**.

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Second mention

I saw a man and a dog. **The man** was old.

Specific things

The children are in **the garden**.

Only one thing

The moon looks beautiful today.

Common places

We are going to **the park**.

Superlatives

He is **the best** student in the class.

Musical instruments

My daughter plays **the violin**.

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General meaning

I don't like **children** (=children in general).

Meals

What time do you have **breakfast**?

Years, months, days

2005 was a great year.

TV

There's a good film on **TV**.

Languages, school subjects

He doesn't speak **English**. I study **biology**.

Next, last

We went to the theater **last** week.

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