

Grammar

**3 Here is a more detailed list of guidelines for using articles.**  
**We use 'a' or 'an'...**

- A. When we talk about one thing (which is a countable noun). *Have you got a car? There's a mouse in my bedroom.*
- B. For jobs. *He's a doctor. She's an actress.*

**We use 'the'...**

- C. With superlative adjectives. *the richest man the oldest of all*
- D. When there is only one of something. *the moon the president*
- E. When we have already mentioned something. *He has a house. The house is...*
- F. Before seas, rivers, hotels, museums and newspapers. *the Nile, the Times*

**We don't use articles...**

- G. When talking about plural and uncountable nouns in general. *I like oranges*
- H. Before cities, streets and languages. *Paris, Spanish*
- I. With meals (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner). *It's time for lunch.*
- J. We usually don't use articles before countries. *China, Spain*  
(However, we use 'the' for a few countries: *the United Kingdom, the U.S.A.*)
- K. With some places. *at home go to work go to school*
- L. With some forms of transport. *by car by bus*

**4 Complete the sentences by adding a, an, the, or x (no article), and then write the rules A-L next to each sentence.**

- 1. What do you usually have for x dinner? *I*
- 2. I love \_\_\_\_ animals.
- 3. He has got a cat and two dogs. \_\_\_\_ cat is really cute.
- 4. Miranda goes to \_\_\_\_ work by \_\_\_\_ car.
- 5. She lives on \_\_\_\_ island in \_\_\_\_ Mediterranean Sea.
- 6. They have three children, \_\_\_\_ boy and two girls. \_\_\_\_ boy is five, and \_\_\_\_ girls are seven and four.
- 7. Steve is \_\_\_\_ translator. He speaks \_\_\_\_ Russian, Spanish and French.
- 8. Don't look directly at \_\_\_\_ sun.
- 9. \_\_\_\_ London is \_\_\_\_ most beautiful city I've been to.