

Articles

Indefinite articles

a an

- are used before singular countable nouns
- a** is used before a singular noun beginning with a consonant
- an** is used before a singular noun beginning with a vowel



- is** is used before singular and plural nouns when the noun is specific

- is** is used with nouns that are unique: **the** moon, **the** sun, etc.

- is** is used before the names of rivers, seas/oceans, mountain ranges, deserts and groups of islands: **the** Amazon, **the** Pacific, **the** Alps, etc.

- is** is used with superlative adjectives: **the** oldest, etc.

- is** is used with hotels, pubs, restaurants, cinemas, theatres: **the** Ritz Hotel, **the** Odeon, etc.

- is** is used when the place name contains of-phrase: **the** Statue of Liberty



- before** proper nouns

- with** continents, countries, towns, streets or lakes

- with** names of mountains or islands

- before** names of meals or games and sports

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Let's practise

Complete with **a**, **an** or **the** where necessary.

1. What do you usually have for ____ dinner?

2. My dad is ____ very careful driver. He never exceeds ____ speed limit.

3. Mr Davis has been ____ accountant for ____ year.

4. 'How much are ____ bananas?' 'They are 90 cents ____ kilo.'

5. 'Where have you been?' 'I've been to ____ school.'

6. Drinking ____ milk with ____ honey and ____ lot of lemon juice is good for ____ sore throat.

7. My brother works in ____ office. ____ office is just around ____ corner.

8. Tom was so thirsty that he drank ____ whole bottle of mineral water.

9. We've never been to ____ Paris before. It's ____ first time we're visiting ____ France.

10. Listen! Jane is playing ____ flute. She is ____ very talented person.

11. What about taking ____ few days off in ____ April?

12. Mary has ____ old bike. ____ bike screeches.

13. John is ____ honest person. He always tells ____ truth.

14. There's ____ green apple on ____ kitchen table. Help yourself.

15. Have you ever been to ____ Himalayas?

16. ____ Tower of London is one of ____ most popular sights in ____ capital of ____ Britain.

17. We live in ____ Elm Street. It's not very crowded.

18. At 10.30 last night Lucy was getting ready for ____ bed.

19. Did you have ____ good time in ____ Canaries?

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