

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



Definite article

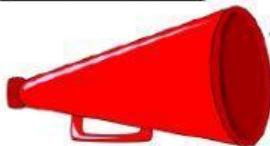
the

- ★ is used before singular and plural nouns when the noun is specific
- ★ is used with nouns that are unique: **the** moon, **the** sun, etc.
- ★ is used before the names of rivers, seas/oceans, mountain ranges, deserts and groups of islands: **the** Amazon, **the** Pacific, **the** Alps, etc.
- ★ is used with superlative adjectives: **the** oldest, etc.
- ★ is used with hotels, pubs, restaurants, cinemas, theatres: **the** Ritz Hotel, **the** Odeon, etc.
- ★ is used when the place name contains of-phrase: **the** Statue of Liberty



Don't use
the

- ★ before proper nouns
- ★ with continents, countries, towns, streets or lakes
- ★ with names of mountains or islands
- ★ before names of meals or games and sports



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?



Take 1