

Fill in the correct article in the following sentences: a, an, the or x

1. Are you coming to _____ party next Saturday?
2. I bought _____ new TV set yesterday.
3. I think _____ man over there is very ill. He can't stand on his feet.
4. I watched _____ video you had sent me.
5. She was wearing _____ ugly dress when she met him.
6. I am crazy about reading _____ history books.
7. She is such _____ nice girl.
8. Do you want to go to _____ restaurant where we first met?
9. He is _____ engineer.
10. He thinks that _____ love is what will save us all.
11. I bought _____ pair of shoes.
12. I saw _____ good movie last night.
13. They are staying at _____ hotel.
14. _____ man over there is unfriendly.
15. I do not like _____ basketball.
16. That is _____ problem I told you about.
17. _____ night is quiet. Let us take a walk!
18. _____ price of gas keeps rising.
19. John travelled to _____ Mexico.
20. Juan is _____ Spanish.
21. I read _____ amazing story.
22. My brother does not eat _____ chicken.
23. Love is such _____ beautiful thing.
24. I live in _____ apartment. _____ apartment is new.
25. I would like _____ piece of cake.
26. I was in _____ Japanese restaurant. _____ restaurant served good food.

A

articles: *a/ an, the*, no article

Use *a/an* with singular countable nouns

- the first time you mention a thing / person.	I saw an old man with a dog .
- when you say what something is.	It's a nice house .
- when you say what somebody does.	She's a lawyer .
- in exclamations with <i>What ...!</i>	What an awful day!
- in expressions like ...	three times a week

Use *the*

- when we talk about something we've already mentioned.	I saw an old man with a dog, and the dog was barking.
- when there's only one of something.	The moon goes round the Earth .
- when it's clear what you're referring to.	He opened the door .
- with places in a town, e.g. <i>cinema</i> and <i>theatre</i> .	I'm going to the cinema .
- with superlatives.	It's the best restaurant in town.

B

Don't use *the*

- when you are speaking in general (with plural and uncountable nouns). **Women** talk more than **men**. **Love** is more important than **money**.
- with some nouns (e.g. *home, work, school, church*) after *at/ to / from*. She's not **at home** today. I get back **from work** at 5.30.
- before meals, days, and months. I never have **breakfast** on **Sunday**.
- before *next / last* + days, week, etc. See you **next Friday**.

⊘ Frequent mistakes

✗ I'm going to cinema.

✓ I'm going to **the cinema**.

✗ I saw woman with cat.

✓ I saw **a** woman with **a** cat.