

THE ARTICLE: A/AN or THE

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We use A/An when:

- we are talking about something/someone not mentioned before.

"A man and a woman came to see you this morning."

- we are not referring to a particular thing:

"I'm looking for a job" (not a particular job)

- we talk about jobs: *"He's a doctor"*

- we use the expressions:

"once a week, twice a day,

£12 a kilo... "I practise karate three times a month"

- we refer to what kind of thing something is: *"The sun is a star"* (one of many)

complete and match

- Joe has bought ____ ice cream. ____ ice cream tastes delicious. Vanilla is his favourite flavour.
- Mark's mother has bought him ____ new pair of shoes. ____ new shoes are really comfortable.
- We have been to ____ hospital to visit Pete. He has broken his leg.
- Benjamin is reading ____ book his teacher recommended him to read.
- Ann has gone to do ____ shopping. She goes shopping once ____ week and she always buys ____ same products.
- Michael's team has won ____ running competition.
- Diane has got many sweets in her bag. ____ bag is almost full.
- Tom has to take ____ awful medicine today.



the

We use THE:

- when we talk about a particular thing: *"The man who came yesterday is here again"*

- when it is clear in the situation which person or thing we are referring to: *"Turn on the light"*

"We should clean the carpet"

- when we talk about the usual people or places: *"I'll visit the doctor"* (my usual doctor)

"I'm going to the post office"

- with "school" "hospital" "jail" ... when we go to visit: *"I went to the hospital to visit Joe"*

- when there is only one of something: *"Madrid is the capital of Spain"*

- with: sky, sea, ground, country, environment, same, space (when we refer to a specific space, not the universe)

"Look at those clouds in the sky" *"The space is too small for another bed"*

- with go to: the cinema, the theatre, the radio, the opera...

more activities!

1. Put **the, a/an** where necessary:

a) Susan lives in small town in country.

b) Earth goes around sun

c) President of United States is Barack Obama.

d) We do same things every day!

e) We can go to cinema to watch film.

f) Jane is looking for new job.

g) Can you turn off television, please?

h) Woman came to see you yesterday. I had never seen her before.

i) We have to protect environment.

j) I went to school to see my son's teacher

k) We went to nice restaurant in Rome.

l) London is capital of England.

m) He has got new car. Car is red

n) She's teacher.

m) He's listening to radio

2. Choose the correct article:

a) We went to ____ museum in Poland. I don't remember which one.

b) ____ first lady visited ____ hospital yesterday morning.

c) There's ____ post office at ____ end of the street.

d) I'm going to ____ supermarket.

e) ____ architect is someone who designs buildings.

f) How often do you listen to ____ radio?

g) He's bought ____ new television.

h) There's ____ space between us, come and sit!

i) We saw something strange in ____ sky and we called ____ police.

j) ____ police officer who arrested the thieves is now a hero.

k) We visited ____ hospital where Joe was taken after the accident.

l) ____ hotel where we stayed in Galway was ____ very nice place.

m) We have arrived at ____ same time.

n) ____ exam was so difficult that I think I'll fail it.

o) We went to ____ concert on Friday. I didn't know any of the groups playing.

p) Does he live in ____ country?

q) We can turn on ____ light now.

r) Pass me ____ salt, please.