Unit 9

Grammar

Noun phrases

1-Articles:

Form

1-a/ an + singular countable noun

1- He got _____ credit card for $ 500.

2-I'd like is give you _____ example of successful banking scheme.

Usage:

We use **a/ an** + singular countable noun.

1- to say that a person or thing is one of many.

He's _____ bank manager. (There are lots of bank managers — he's one of them.)

2- to refer to a person or thing for the first time.

There's _____ new mobile phone shop in town.

3- to talk about a person or a thing in general.

I'm looking for _____ new job.

We use **an** with singular countable nouns which start with a vowel,

1- You will receive _____ email to confirm your purchase.

2-the + singular countable noun, plural countable noun, uncountable noun

Form:

1-the+Countable noun

Have you paid _____ bill that arrived yesterday? (specific bill, not bill in general)

2- the+Plural countable noun

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She was having difficulty marking mortgage payments. (specific payments. Which ones? Mortgage)

3-the+ uncountable noun

He made coffee. (Specific kind of coffee that he made on a certain occasion)

The shop keeper showed me the discount furniture on sale.

Usage:

We use **the** + singular countable noun, plural countable noun or uncountable noun:

1- to say there is only one of this thing.

He's director of the new shopping and leisure centre. {There's only one director in the centre.)

2- to refer back to the same thing or person for a second/third/fourth…. etc. time.

Those are shoes I wanted to buy.

With certain countries, place names, geographical regions, oceans and seas, deserts, mountain ranges and rivers,

USA, UK,

Philippines

Eiffel Tower

Louvre

White House,

Middle East

Antarctic

Pacific

Mediterranean

Kalahari Desert

Alps

Himalayas

Amazon

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Nile

with **superlative adjectives,**

biggest city

newest shop

most expensive phone.

when there is **only one**; it's one of its kind; it's unique

world

weather

environment

moon

sun

sea

sky

president

CEO

We **DO NOT** use **the** with the names of people, towns, countries, continents, lakes and mountains, languages:

Names of people: Joseph/ Henry/ Christopher Columbus London

Names of cities: New York, Berlin, Kuala Lumpur, Australia

Names of certain counties: Egypt, Japan,

Names of continents: Africa, South America, Europe

Names of lakes: Lake Victoria, Lake Michigan, Lake Geneva

Names of mountains: Mount Rushmore, Mount Everest

Names of languages: Arabic, Greek, Latin, English, Spanish, Japanese.

3-Zero article + plural countable noun, uncountable noun

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Form:

1- Zero article+ Plural countable noun

I like watching American films. (Zero article because we refer to films in general)

2- Zero article+uncountable noun

I love pasta. (Zero article because we refer to pasta in general)

Usage:

We use **zero article + plural countable noun and uncountable noun** to refer in general to people, animals or things.

I don't receive bank statements by pas? any more.

Online banking is very convenient.

Do you like cats?

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