4 Articles

🎧 14 **Listen and repeat.**

a book	a ruler	an eraser	an atlas

The Indefinite Article 'A' - 'An'

a + consonant sound   **an** + vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u)

We use **a** before **u** when we pronounce it with a **y** sound.   a uniform **BUT** an umbrella
We use **an** before **h** when it **is** silent.   an hour **BUT** a horse

🎧 15 **Listen and repeat.**

the bookcase	the chair	the armchair	the umbrella

The Definite Article 'The'

The /ðə/ + consonant sound   The /ðɪ/ + vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u)

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1 🎧 16   **Write a or an. Then match the items. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.**

1 ..a.. guitar
2 ...... accordion
3 ...... violin
4 ...... organ
5 ...... piano
6 ...... drum
7 ...... harp
8 ...... tambourine

A B C D E F G 1 H
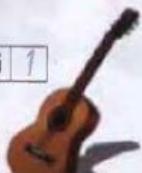
2 🎧 17   **Put the nouns in the correct columns. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.**

~~baby~~	orange	meat	animal	egg	octopus
~~apple~~	elephant	woman	fork	dress	chocolate

the /ðə/	the /ðɪ/
baby,	apple,

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

The Chain Game

Play in teams. Student A says a word. Student B must then say a word that begins with the last letter of Student A's word. Whoever breaks the chain is out of the game. Don't forget to use *a/an*!

Student A: an orange
Student B: an egg
Student C: a girl, etc.

We use a / an:

- **with singular countable nouns when we are talking about them in general.**
  An elephant is a big animal.
  (Which elephant? We don't mean a specific elephant; we mean elephants in general.)

- **after the verbs 'to be' and 'have got'.**
  He's **an** astronaut.
  He's got **a** pet cat.

We don't use a / an:

with uncountable or plural nouns.
We can use some instead.
I don't like **apples**.
I want **some sugar** and **some strawberries**.

We use the:

- **with singular or plural nouns when we are talking about something specific which we either already know about or it is mentioned for a second time.**
  The car in front of the house is Ted's. (Which car? Not any car. The car which is in front of the house.)

- **with nouns which are unique.**
  The sun is shining. (= There's only one sun.)
  The Acropolis is in Athens.

- **before the names of rivers (the Amazon) and countries when they include words such as state, kingdom, etc. (the United Kindgom)**

We don't use the:

with proper nouns or possessive adjectives.
Emma is from **London**.
Her father is from **Leeds**.
BUT
family names and nationalities take the.
The Browns live next door.
The Italians eat a lot of spaghetti.

3 Write a, *an* or *some*.

1	*some.* tea	4	...... ice cream	7	...... sandwich
2	.... lemon	5	...... burger	8	...... butter
3	.... omelette	6	...... egg	9	...... onion

10	...... bread
11	...... grape
12	...... juice

4 **Articles**

4 Write *the* or **–** .

1 Look at ...–... Layla!

2 .... weather is nice today.

3 .... Smiths are on holiday.

4 Is this .... Tom's cat?

5 Ben is in .... New York.

6 Where is .... hotel?

7 Dad is in .... kitchen.

8 We are from .... Italy.

9 .... blue bag is yours.

10 There is some cheese in .... fridge.

5 Choose the correct item.

1 Have you got .... onion?
   A a   **(B)** an   **C** the

2 Where is .... supermarket?
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

3 Is this .... lobster?
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

4 Are .... Pyramids in Egypt?
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

5 My mum is .... artist.
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

6 The children are in .... garden.
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

7 I haven't got .... umbrella. I need to buy one.
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

8 .... apple in my bag is fresh.
   A A   **B** An   **C** The

9 Ben has got .... new digital camera.
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

10 .... black dog is ours.
   A A   **B** An   **C** The

11 Ann's brother is .... doctor.
   A a   **B** an   **C** the

6 Fill in the gaps with *a/an* or *the*.

1 A: Where are you going this summer?
   B: Well, we want to go to 1) ..*an*.. island in Greece.
   A: That's fantastic. Which one?
   B: We want to go to 2) .... island of Corfu.
   A: It's 3) .... beautiful island.

2 A: Do you know Justin?
   B: Yes, I do. He is 1) .... friend of John's, isn't he?
   A: Right. He is 2) .... one who wants to become 3) .... pilot. He loves planes.

3 A: I eat 1) .... apple and 2) .... banana every day.
   B: Why do you do that?
   A: Don't you know that 3) .... apple a day keeps 4) .... doctor away?
   B: What about 5) .... banana then?
   A: Well, I don't know but I love bananas.

4 A: What does your mother do?
   B: She's 1) .... doctor.
   A: And what about your father?
   B: He's 2) .... artist.
   A: Oh, that's great.

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