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When something is <u>not specific</u> or is one of many. I need a book, a pencil and an eraser.	With <u>specific</u> things, things the speaker and the listener know. I need the books on the table.	To talk about things in <u>general</u> (plural) ¹ Dolphins are very clever
To talk about something for the <u>first time</u> . I saw a film last night.	With things we've <u>mentioned before</u> . The film was great!	Before <u>possessive adjectives</u> : my your his her its our your their My friend loved the film!
To talk about <u>jobs</u> or <u>hobbies</u> . Chrisa is a teacher. Habib is a swimmer.	With a <u>specific job</u> only one person can have. She is the manager of the company.	Before <u>names</u> and before Mr. Mrs. Chrisa likes music. Mr. George is happy!
With <u>singular countable nouns</u> . ² Give me a kiss!	With something <u>unique</u> or if there's one of it. The moon is full tonight	To talk about <u>abstract concepts</u> . Life is beautiful.
In exclamations with <u>What...!</u> What a beautiful life!	With <u>superlatives</u> . You're the best friend I've ever had!	With certain phrases. at school /home, in bed at university on holiday

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But: when it's specific:

The dolphins in **the** Amazon are pink.
(we're talking about a specific group of dolphins in the Amazon river)

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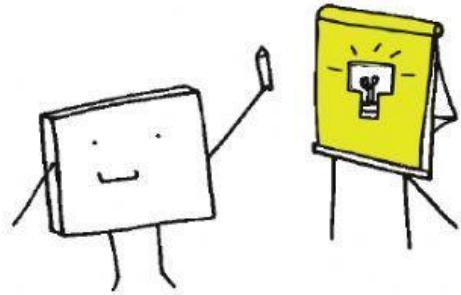
Right: I need **a** bottle of water.

(bottle is countable)

Wrong: I need **a** water

Right: I need **(some)** water.
(water is uncountable)

Let's practise together !



1. Choose the correct article.

1. Hello, can I have cup of coffee, please?

2. I've got brother, my brother is teacher.

3. I love my friends! They are best!

4. Oh, what mess! What happened in room?

5. There is fly in my soup, flies are disgusting!

6. I love cats, but cat here is very naughty.

7. I'd like orange and three apples.

8. I'm engineer. George is manager of the company.

9. I listened to song last night. song made me cry.

10. He's at home. I think he went to bed.