

DEFINITE AND INDEFINITE ARTICLE



Let's learn and practise.

Grammar

*The roof is designed to give the impression of **a** dragon.
It resembles **an** elephant which is part of Thai culture.*

The words **a** and **an** are called **indefinite articles**.

A is used for words which begin with a consonant sound.

Examples : • *a building* • *a dragon* • *a giant basket*

An is used for words which begin with a vowel sound or a silent 'h'.

Examples : • *an architect* • *an earthquake* • *an hour*

We do not put **a** or **an** before a plural noun because **a** and **an** means one.

Exceptions: We do not use **an** before a word that begins with a vowel that makes a 'y' sound. We use **a** instead.

Example: • *a unicorn* • *a university* • *a used car*

***The** handles are heated to prevent ice from forming.*

The is also known as a **definite article**.

The is used for **a particular person or thing**.

Examples : • *the roof* • *the architect* • *the owner*

The is used to refer to things that is **more than one**.

Examples: • *the fruits* • *the people* • *the buildings*

The is also used for **something that is the only one of its kind**.

Examples : • *the moon* • *the Solar System* • *the Sun*

Complete the sentences with **a** or **an**.

1. Miss Sharmila is _____ English teacher.
2. Vijay was shocked to see _____ iguana lying on the sofa.
3. They are looking for _____ apartment to stay for the weekend.
4. Sigat eats _____ slice of watermelon and _____ orange for lunch.
5. All the pupils of 5 Tulip are drawing _____ picture of _____ unicorn.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles.

This is _____ unique building. _____ name of this building is _____ Robot. _____ building was designed by _____ architect named Sumet Jumsai. It is located in Thailand. This cheery robot shows _____ friendly face of technology. _____ robot's eyes are _____ dining and meeting rooms, his eyelids are _____ sunshades, and his antennae are lightning rods. _____ head of _____ robot has nuts on both sides. The best part is that _____ robot's eyes are designed to wink at night. They wink to the tune of music. It is certainly _____ eye-catching masterpiece and _____ building every child would love to see.



Let's learn.

We use **zero article** when a noun is not preceded by an indefinite (*a, an*) or a definite (*the*) article.

Examples:

1. When talking about things in general: *I hate cheese.*
2. Before countries and languages: *I am from China.*
She speaks Tamil.
3. Before some forms of transport: *He goes to work by bus.*



Let's practise.

Fill in the dialogue with the articles 'a', 'an', 'the' or '-' where necessary.

Najmee : Grandpa, how do you make **a wau**?

Grandfather : First, I split bamboo and soak it for two weeks to make it flexible. Then, I make a lightweight frame from bamboo splits. Next, I cut patterns from rice-paper and glue them piece by piece on frame to form beautiful motifs.

Najmee : What is the specialty of wau, grandpa?

Grandfather : The wau makes humming sound called *dengung* as it flies high in the air. The higher kite flies and the stronger wind blows make the wau produce this sound.

Najmee : Grandpa, is it true that these kites come in different shapes and sizes?

Grandfather : Yes, Najmee. There are many types of wau such as *wau kucing*, *wau merak*, and *wau bulan*. When I bring a wau *bulan* to event, everybody likes it because it is light and colourful.



LISTENING AND SPEAKING ACTIVITY.

(YOU MUST USE CHROME IN EITHER YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER)

Click the  and listen carefully to the sentence. After that, click the record button and repeat the sentence that you heard.

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