

Articles (B2)

Match the example sentences below with the rules.

“A / AN”

- when we refer to **one** of something (also in negative expressions)
- when we refer to something that we **mention for the first time** *
- when we refer to something as a **classification**, e.g. a job
- when we talk **in general** and we mention one typical member of a group **
- in an **exclamation** starting with “what” ***
- as a synonym for “**per**”

“THE”

- when we refer to something that we have **mentioned earlier** *
- when we refer to something that is **clear from the situation**
- when we refer to something that is **unique**, so everyone knows which one we mean
- when we **define which one** we mean
- when we refer to a **physical place** ****
- when we talk **in general** and we mention one member of a group as a general example **
- in a **swearing** exclamation starting with “what” ***

Zero Article

- with **plural** or **uncountable** nouns
- when we talk **in general** and we refer to a group with a plural form or an uncountable noun **
- when we use a **place name for an abstract concept**, e.g. art form, service ****
- in **fixed expressions**
- with **meals, days, and months**, especially before “**next / last**”

- 1) Cheetahs can run faster than any other animals.
- 2) A cheetah can run faster than any other animal.
- 3) The cheetah is the fastest animal on land.
- 4) Can you close the door, please?
- 5) Do you know the actor who played the lead role in "Titanic" and "Inception"?
- 6) He has had an accident, so he is in hospital now.
- 7) He has had an accident, so I am visiting him in the hospital.
- 8) I would be happy for ideas or information.
- 9) In the Ski Break, I stayed at home and I bought something online by card.
- 10) She is an engineer.
- 11) The Shanghai Maglev Train can go at 430 kilometres an hour.
- 12) We had breakfast on the patio last summer.
- 13) What a surprise!
- 14) What the f*ck!
- 15) While it was raining, I saw a man without an umbrella.
- 16) Would you like to travel to the Moon?
- 17) Yesterday I saw a dog in a garden. The dog was barking at me.
- 18) Yesterday I saw a dog in a garden. The dog was barking at me.