

CHAPTER 2: ARTICLES (MẠO TỪ)

LESSON 8: INDEFINITE AND DEFINITE ARTICLES (1)

1. Things to remember:

ARTICLES		CONTENT	EXAMPLE
INDEFINITE	A	- Refer to non-specific nouns	✓ She buys a book from the store
		- Used for a singular noun	
		- Used before nouns that begin with consonant sounds	✗ She buys a apple from the store
		- EXCEPTION:	- A university - A European person
	AN	- Refer to non-specific nouns	✓ He wants to eat an apple for a snack
		- Used for a singular noun	
		- Used before nouns that begin with vowel ("a", "i", "e", "o", "u") sounds	✗ He wants to eat an banana for a snack
		- EXCEPTION:	- An hour - An aunt
DEFINITE	THE	- Refer to a specific noun that is already known: + unique nouns + superlative form + ordinal numbers + musical instruments + famous works	- The birds are singing in the park - I can see the cat on the roof - He visits the Eiffel Tower - She's the tallest girl in the class
		- Used for both a singular noun and plural noun	- The first chapter of the book is so interesting
		- Used before singular/plural nouns that are specific and identified	- I can play the piano - She wants to watch " the Lion King "



Exercise 1: Which article “a” or “an” can be put before the following words or phrases?

_____ apple

_____ son

_____ pet

_____ elephant

_____ airport

_____ car

_____ actress

_____ comic

_____ umbrella

_____ bird

Exercise 2: Choose the Correct Answer

1. Lucy has _____ dog.

a) a

b) an

2. Let's sing _____ song.

a) a

b) an

3. Emily needs _____ new desk in her room.

a) a

b) an

4. I need _____ blue pen.

a) a

b) an

5. Ben has _____ old bike.

a) a

b) an

6. Peter has _____ aunt in Berlin.

a) a

b) an

7. We listen to _____ English CD.

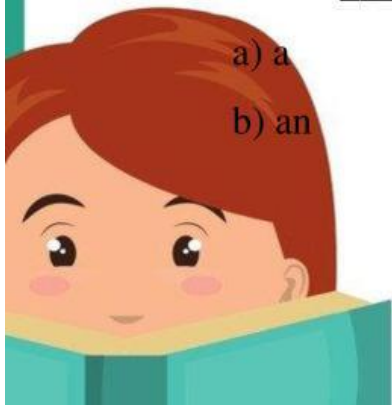
a) a

b) an

8. She has _____ exercise book in her school bag.

a) a

b) an



Exercise 3: Select the correct answer:

1. I like blue T-shirt over there better than red one.
2. Their car does 150 miles hour.
3. Where's USB drive I lent you last week?
4. Do you still live in Bristol?
5. Is your mother working in old office building?
6. Carol's father works as electrician.
7. The tomatoes are 99 pence kilo.
8. What do you usually have for breakfast?
9. Ben has terrible headache.
10. After this tour you have whole afternoon free to explore the city

Exercise 4: Fill in the blanks with “a/an/the/x”

1. She eats ___ apple a day to stay healthy.
2. They visited ___ art museum in the city.
3. He wants to become ___ architect and design buildings.
4. I saw ___ rainbow after ___ rain stopped.
5. She's reading ___ interesting book about ___ ancient civilizations.
6. We want to go to ___ zoo and see ___ lions.
7. He's learning to play ___ guitar.
8. I have ___ soccer practice on ___ Monday afternoon.



Exercise 5: Circle the correct answer

1. She's reading ____ book that her teacher recommended.
a) a b) an c) the d) x
2. I really hate ____ mosquitos. They always bite me.
a) a b) an c) the d) x
3. They're going to ____ beach this weekend.
a) a b) an c) the d) x
4. I saw ____ movie at ____ theater yesterday.
a) a, the b) an, an c) the, a d) x/x
5. She's learning to play ____ guitar.
a) a b) an c) the d) x
6. Do you want ____ sandwich? I've got cheese and bread in the shopping bag.
a) a b) an c) the d) x
7. She wants to be ____ umbulance driver when she finishes school.
a) a b) an c) the d) x
8. If you need to contact me over the weekend, please send me ____ email.
a) a b) an c) the d) x

