

Articles A, AN and THE

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A/AN

- when mentioning sth or sb for the 1st time or talking about sth in general

A man was standing outside my house.

- we use AN in front of a vowel or a vowel-like sound
an apple, an hour



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THE

- when mentioning sth or sb for the 2nd time or talking about sth specific

The man was dressed in a black coat.

- with church, school, university, hospital if people are not normally there
I went to the school to attend a parent-teacher meeting.



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No article

- with words bed, church, school, prison, university when they are used for their primary purpose

Michael is in bed.

My children go to school every day.

My friend is sick and is in hospital.

- with more abstract expressions to/at sea, in/out of work

He is at work.

She is out of town.

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