

# THE ARTICLE: A/AN of THE

## a/an

We use A/An when:

- we are talking about something/someone not mentioned before.

"A man and a woman came to see you this morning."

- we are not referring to a particular thing:

"I'm looking for a job" (not a particular job)

- we talk about jobs: "He's a doctor"

- we use the expressions:

"once a week, twice a day, £12 a kilo... "I practise karate three times a month"

- we refer to what kind of thing something is: "The sun is a star" (one of many)

## complete and match

- Joe has bought \_\_\_ ice cream. \_\_\_ ice cream tastes delicious. Vanilla is his favourite flavour.
- Mark's mother has bought him \_\_\_ new pair of shoes. \_\_\_ new shoes are really comfortable.
- We have been to \_\_\_ hospital to visit Pete. He has broken his leg.
- Benjamin is reading \_\_\_ book his teacher recommended him to read.
- Ann has gone to do \_\_\_ shopping. She goes shopping once \_\_\_ week and she always buys \_\_\_ same products.
- Michael's team has won \_\_\_ running competition.
- Diane has got many sweets in her bag. \_\_\_ bag is almost full.
- Tom has to take \_\_\_ awful medicine today.



## the

We use THE:

- when we talk about a particular thing: "The man who came yesterday is here again"

- when it is clear in the situation which person or thing we are referring to: "Turn on the light" "We should clean the carpet"

- when we talk about the usual people or places: "I'll visit the doctor" (my usual doctor). "I'm going to the post office"

- with "school" "hospital" "jail" ... when we go to visit. "I went to the hospital to visit Joe"

- when there is only one of something: "Madrid is the capital of Spain"

- with: sky, sea, ground, country, environment, same, space (when we refer to a specific space, not the universe)

"Look at those clouds in the sky" "The space is too small for another bed"

- with go to: the cinema, the theatre, the radio, the opera...

## more activities!

1. Put **the, a/an** where necessary:

- Susan lives in small town in country.
- Earth goes around sun
- President of United States is Barack Obama.
- We do same things every day!
- We can go to cinema to watch film.
- Jane is looking for new job.
- Can you turn off television, please?
- Woman came to see you yesterday. I had never seen her before.
- We have to protect environment.
- I went to school to see my son's teacher
- We went to nice restaurant in Rome.
- London is capital of England.
- He has got new car. Car is red
- She's teacher.
- He's listening to radio

2. Choose the correct article:

- We went to \_\_\_ museum in Poland. I don't remember which one.
- \_\_\_ first lady visited \_\_\_ hospital yesterday morning.
- There's \_\_\_ post office at \_\_\_ end of the street.
- I'm going to \_\_\_ supermarket.
- \_\_\_ architect is someone who designs buildings.
- How often do you listen to \_\_\_ radio?
- He's bought \_\_\_ new television.
- There's \_\_\_ space between us, come and sit!
- We saw something strange in \_\_\_ sky and we called \_\_\_ police.
- \_\_\_ police officer who arrested the thieves is now a hero.
- We visited \_\_\_ hospital where Joe was taken after the accident.
- \_\_\_ hotel where we stayed in Galway was \_\_\_ very nice place.
- We have arrived at \_\_\_ same time.
- \_\_\_ exam was so difficult that I think I'll fail it.
- We went to \_\_\_ concert on Friday. I didn't know any of the groups playing.
- Does he live in \_\_\_ country?
- We can turn on \_\_\_ light now.
- Pass me \_\_\_ salt, please.