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UNIT II: DEFINITE & INDEFINITE ARTICLE



ARTICLE DEFINITION



Article is a word that combines with noun and defines whether a noun in any sentence or phrase is specific or general. An article is defined as a word that modifies or describes a noun. There are two types of articles in the English language, they are

Definite article (the),

Indefinite articles (a, an)



DEFINITE ARTICLE



Definite means to be clear, exact or obvious about something. It is called definite because it is used in relation to a particular thing or person. **“The”** is the definite article in English. The definite article indicates that the noun is specific.



INDEFINITE ARTICLES



Indefinite means something is not clear.

These types of articles are called indefinite because the identity of the thing or person being spoken about is left unclear or indefinite.

The indefinite articles in English are “a” and “an.”



Example of Indefinite Article



As a general rule, we use "a" for nouns that start with a consonant sound and "an" for nouns that start with a vowel sound.

For example:

- Do you have a pen?
- I want to eat an apple.



RULES



Definite article

the (before a singular or plural noun)

Indefinite article

a (before a singular noun beginning with a consonant sound)

an (before a singular noun beginning with a vowel sound)



Find the articles



- I saw a cat out there.
- A dog is a man's best friend.
- I ate an apple for breakfast.
- I bought a new book.
- A good education is important.



EXERCISE



1. I want ____ apple from that basket.
2. ____ church on the corner is progressive.
3. Miss Lin speaks ____ Chinese.
4. I borrowed ____ pencil from your pile of pencils and pens.
5. One of ____ students said, "The professor is late today."
6. Eli likes to play ____ volleyball.
7. I bought ____ umbrella to go out in the rain.
8. My daughter is learning to play ____ violin at her school.



WORK OUT



1. I want **an** apple from that basket.
2. **The** church on the corner is progressive.
3. Miss Lin speaks Chinese. (no article needed)
4. I borrowed **a** pencil from your pile of pencils and pens.
5. One of **the** students said, "The professor is late today."
6. Eli likes to play volleyball. (no article needed)
7. I bought **an** umbrella to go out in the rain.
8. My daughter is learning to play **the** violin at her school.



EXERCISE



9. Please give me _____ cake that is on the counter.
10. I lived on _____ Main Street when I first came to town.
11. Albany is the capital of _____ New York State.
12. My husband's family speaks _____ Polish.
13. _____ apple a day keeps the doctor away.
14. _____ ink in my pen is red.
15. Our neighbors have _____ cat and _____ dog.



EXERCISE



9. Please give me **the** cake that is on the counter.
10. I lived on Main Street when I first came to town. **(no article needed)**
11. Albany is the capital of New York State. **(no article needed)**
12. My husband's family speaks Polish. **(no article needed)**
13. **An** apple a day keeps the doctor away.
14. **The** ink in my pen is red.
15. Our neighbors have **a** cat and **a** dog.



EXCEPTIONALS



- an honor (first sound is ah)
- an heir (first sound is eh)
- an hourglass (first sound is ow)
- an MBA (first sound is em)
- a GRE (first sound is gee)
- an NFL coach (first sound is en)



RECAP



- a **European trip**
- a **union**
- a **URL**
- a **unicorn**
- a **eulogy**



EXERCISE



- It was a one-time thing.
- It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
- We had a one-on-one meeting.
- Country names has no article except the USA

