

# ARTICLES

A or An and The are usually called Articles.

The words 'a' and 'an' are called indefinite articles.

The word 'the' is called the definite articles.

eg. - the sun                      a jacket  
                    a queen                      the moon  
                    an umpire                      an ostrich

★ We use 'a' before a word that begins with a vowel sound.

★ We use 'a' before a word that begins with a consonant sound.

## Exercise I    a or an ?

1. An answer

4. An idea

2. A diary

5. An armchair

3. A bird

6. A rock

7. An officer

8. An engineer

9. A flower

## II Fill in the blanks with 'a' or 'an'

1. I have an appointment with the doctor.
2. The woodcutter cut the wood with an axe.
3. Srilanka is an island.
4. I saw a python at the zoo.
5. An eagle can fly very high.
6. You are a child, not an adult.
7. I bought an atlas and a dictionary.
8. An owl can see in the dark.
9. An umpire makes sure a match is played fairly.
10. Is there an elevator in this building?

### III Fill in the blanks with 'a' or 'an'.

1. A red apple
2. An English book
3. An oval face
4. An Indian citizen.
5. A huge mountain
6. An excellent idea.
7. An easy question
8. A musical instrument.
9. An international airport
10. An interesting book.
11. A difficult exam
12. A famous leader
13. A happy girl
14. A beautiful flower.
15. An indoor game
16. An outdoor game

### IV Underline the correct answer.

1. There are (a bird/birds) in the sky.
2. Fruits have (a seed/seeds) inside them.
3. Hens lay (an egg/eggs).



4. There are (a flower / flowers) in the vase.
5. There is (an apple / apples) on the tree.
6. There is (a frog / frogs) in the well.
7. There are many (a star / stars) in the sky.
8. There is (a key / keys) in the lock.

V. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

1. I bought a shirt. The shirt is red.
2. There is a bus from here. The bus is at 5 o'clock.
3. There is a pond in the park. The pond has many fish.
4. The farmer has an ox. The farmer takes the to his farm.
5. I found a purse. The purse had

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a lot of money.

vi Write the definite article 'the' or the zero article  $\emptyset$  in the blanks.

1. The Ganga is the longest river in India.
2. Are you at  $\emptyset$  home?
3. We watch the television every evening.
4. Medha is the tallest girl in the class.
5. Washington DC is the capital of the USA.
6. Have you seen the Eiffel Tower?
7. Who is the Prime Minister of India?
8. Of all sports  $\emptyset$  tennis is my favourite.
9. Be careful with the vase! It is made of  $\emptyset$  glass.
10. She is suffering from  $\emptyset$  malaria.

VII Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

1. The mangoes are 60 rupees a kilo.
2. Gold is a precious metal.
3. The camel is the ship of the desert.
4. The English ruled India for many years.
5. My father works for 8 hours a day.
6. Our house is near the sea.
7. Harishchandra was an honest king.
8. When they visited Mumbai, they stayed at the Taj Hotel.
9. The car is running at a speed of 120 km an hour.
10. My mother goes to temple in the morning.