

Let's learn about “a,” “an,” and “the” — they are called **articles** in English grammar. 🌿

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## Articles in English Grammar

Articles are **words used before nouns** to show whether we are talking about something **specific** or **general**.

There are **two types of articles**:

1. **Indefinite Articles** → *a, an*
  2. **Definite Article** → *the*
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### ◆ 1. Indefinite Articles: “a” and “an”

These are used when we talk about **something general**, not a specific person or thing.

- “**A**” is used before words that begin with a **consonant sound**.  
👉 Example:
  - a cat
  - a book
  - a university (*starts with the sound “yu”*)
- “**An**” is used before words that begin with a **vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u)**.  
👉 Example:
  - an apple
  - an egg
  - an honest man (*the “h” is silent, so it sounds like a vowel*)
  - an hour

● **Use “a/an” when mentioning something for the first time.**

Example:

- I saw **a** dog in the street.
  - She ate **an** orange this morning.
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### ◆ 2. Definite Article: “the”

“The” is used when we talk about **a specific** person, place, or thing — something the listener already knows.

👉 Example:

- The sun rises in the east.
- Please close **the** door.
- I met **the** teacher you talked about.
- **The** Earth revolves around the Sun.

🟢 Use “the” when both speaker and listener know what is being talked about.

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## ◆ Quick Comparison

Situation	Example
Talking about something for the first time	I saw <b>a</b> bird.
Talking about it again	<b>The</b> bird was beautiful.
Before consonant sound	<b>a</b> pen
Before vowel sound	<b>an</b> umbrella
Specific or unique thing	<b>The</b> Moon, <b>The</b> President

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## 🌟 Summary

- “**A/An**” → Used for general things (not known to the listener).
  - “**The**” → Used for specific things (known or unique).
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