

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

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.

◆ Quick Comparison

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

🌟 Summary

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