

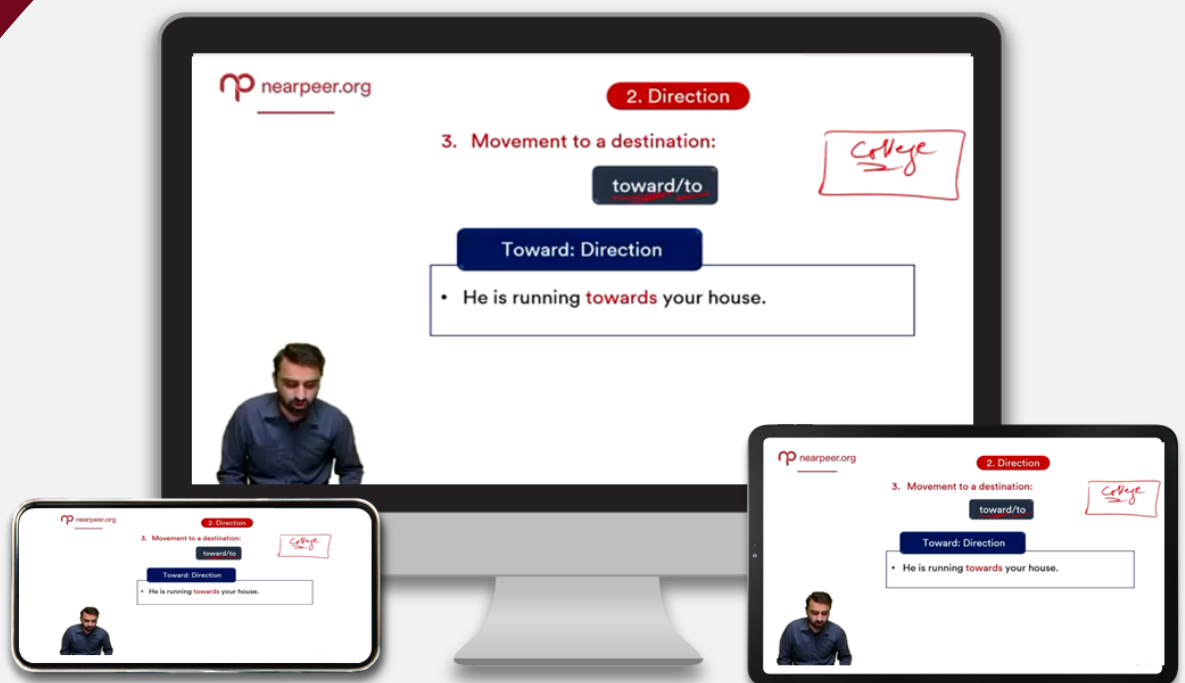
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# Chapter 08

## Articles



## Articles

Article is a word that describes a noun. It makes a noun general/common or particular.

### Types of Articles:

1. Indefinite Articles
2. Definite Article

#### 1. Indefinite Articles (a, an):

They are used with a common and singular noun.

##### A:

Before consonant sounds

- A book, a girl, a boy, a university

##### An:

Before vowel sounds

- An apple, an MA, an MBBS, an inkpot

### Use of Indefinite Articles:

**Rule 1: Before common noun and name of profession.**

#### Examples:

- He is a teacher.
- I saw an elephant yesterday.

**Rule 2: Before the name of a person unknown to us.**

#### Example:

- I met an Aliya in the party.

**Rule 3: Before a common noun used as a first time.**

#### Example:

- I saw an elephant. The elephant was not that big.

**Rule 4: Omission of Indefinite Article:**

- i. Do not use A/An with uncountable nouns.

#### Example:

- He needs a wood to burn for bonfire. (Error)
- He needs wood to burn for bonfire. (Correct)

- ii. Do not use A/An after the words “sort of-”, “type of-” “kind of-” .

**Example:**

- What kind of a book would you like to read? (Error)
- What kind of book would you like to read? (Correct)

## 2. Definite Article (the):

Definite Article indicates the shared knowledge of “Speaker and Listener” or “writer and reader”.

Following are the rules to use definite article “the”:

1.	Directions	The east, the west, the south
2.	Names of Allah	The knowing, The seeing
3.	Holy books & famous books	The Quran, The Bang-e-Dira
4.	Newspapers, magazines	The Times, The Daily Jang
5.	Water bodies	Rivers, lakes, oceans, seas
6.	Mountain Ranges	The Himalayas
7.	Heavenly bodies related to humans	The universe, the cosmos, the milky way, the sun, the moon
8.	Deserts	The Sahara, The Gobbi
9	Family Names	The Maliks, The sheikhs
10	Nations	The Muslims, The Sikhs
11	Abbreviated Countries & Countries with Kingdoms, states, republic, and united	The USA, The UAE, The Islamic Republic of Pakistan, The people republic of China
12	Plural Islands and countries with plural names	The West Indies, The Netherlands
13	Phases of the day	The morning, the noon, the evening
14	Titles	The Quaid e Azam
15	Part of the bodies	The arms, the nose
16	Superlative Degrees of Adjectives	The best student, The tallest, the funniest
17	Parallel comparative degrees	The higher you go, the cooler it is.
18	Ordinal Numbers	The First, The second
19	Before nominal adjectives	The poor, the rich
20	Before a singular common noun to represent the whole class	The dog is a faithful animal.
21	Before the word Whole & Same	The whole class ,The same student
22	Historical and famous	The Baadshahi Mosque
23	The + Noun+ Relative Clause	The man who helped me The pen which I bought The match that Pakistan lost

## Rules and Exceptions for Definite Article

### Rule 1: No article with abstract nouns

- Honesty is the best policy.

**Exception:** Definite article with abstract nouns when talking in particular

- The honesty that Ali showed can motivate many others.

### Rule 2: No article with diseases

- Cancer is a deadly disease.

**Exception:** Definite article with phenomenon/ causes of diseases

- The Aids Virus is very dangerous.

### Rule 3: No article with Proper Nouns

- I met Asif Ali Zardari last year.

**Exception:** Definite article with Proper Nouns when they are entitled to another person

- He is the Bill Gates of our class.

### Rule 4: No article with Titles + Names

- President Arif Alvi is planning to Visit Lahore.

**Exception:** Definite article with Titles

- The Quaid-e-Azam led the nation from the front.

### Rule 5: No Articles with names of planets.

- Mars is also called the red planet.

**Exception:** Definite article with heavenly bodies that are unique and only one of their types in the universe like “the sun”, “the moon”, “the earth”, “the Milky way”, “the cosmos”, and “the universe” etc.

- The sun rises in the east.

### Rule 6: No use of article with the directions “East, West, North, South” when they directly come after the verb.

- I like West, but my brother wants me to visit North.

**Exception:** Definite article “The” with directions when they come after a preposition.

- The sun sets in the west.

### Rule 7: No Article with names of mountains.

- Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world.

**Exception:** Definite article “the” with mountain ranges.

- K-2 is the second highest peak in the world, and it lies in the Karakorum range in Pakistan.

**Rule 8: No article with the names of countries, cities, provinces, and continents.**

- Pakistan is an atomic power.

**Exception:** Definite Article with the name of Abbreviated Countries & Countries with Kingdoms, states, republic, and united Plural Islands and countries with plural names.

- The United States of America is a veto country in the Security Council of the UNO.

## Assessment 01

1. The woman still held him by neck in the middle of her room.
  - A. The
  - B. Held
  - C. Neck
  - D. Of
2. I thought he had found a new kind of wild grass, or a unfamiliar herb, or a new kind of tree.
  - A. Had
  - B. A new
  - C. A
  - D. Kind of
3. I decided that I wanted to develop functional and appealing products, so I took an BSc degree and an MSc degree in Mechanical Engineering with specialization in Innovation and Industrial Design at the NUST Islamabad.
  - A. Develop
  - B. An BSc
  - C. An MSc
  - D. In
4. The network of the Kingdom of Netherlands can provide information and advice to Dutch, international and Chinese media.
  - A. Netherlands
  - B. Provide
  - C. Advice
  - D. Chinese
5. Alia tackled Himalayas at eighty-eight, occasionally allowing porters to carry her pick-a-back across impossible terrain.
  - A. Himalayas
  - B. Allowing
  - C. To carry
  - D. Across
6.
  - A. I remember going to British Museum one day to read up the treatment for some slight ailment of which I had a touch - hay fever, I fancy it was.
  - B. I remember going to a British Museum one day to read up the treatment for some slight ailment of which I had a touch - hay fever, I fancy it was.
  - C. I remember going to the British Museum one day to read up the treatment for some slight ailment of which I had a touch - hay fever, I fancy it was.
  - D. I remember going to the British Museum one day to read up the treatment for some slightly ailment of which I had a touch - hay fever, I fancy it was.

7.

- A. This was only place on the mountain where the sun could shine to the ground.
- B. This was the only place on mountain where the sun could shine to the ground.
- C. This was the only place on the mountain where sun could shine to the ground.
- D. This was the only place on the mountain where the sun could shine to the ground.

8.

- A. There is terror from the outset, and there are all the components necessary to create a melodrama - a dimly-lit bus station, a storm accompanied by flashes of lightning.
- B. There is terror from outset, and there are all the components necessary to create a melodrama - a dimly-lit bus station, a storm accompanied by flashes of lightning.
- C. There is terror from the outset, and there are all components necessary to create a melodrama - a dimly-lit bus station, a storm accompanied by flashes of lightning.
- D. There is terror from the outset, and there are all the components necessary to create a melodrama - a dimly-lit bus station, storm accompanied by flashes of lightning.

9.

- A. Mrs. Brool, whose photograph is still in tuck-shop; she served there until an uncle in Australia left her a lot of money.
- B. Mrs. Brool, whose photograph is still in the tuck-shop; she served there until a uncle in Australia left her a lot of money.
- C. Mrs. Brool, whose photograph is still in the tuck-shop; she served there until an uncle in Australia left her lot of money.
- D. Mrs. Brool, whose photograph is still in the tuck-shop; she served there until an uncle in Australia left her a lot of money.

10.

- A. I ploughed this mountain with cattle the first time it was ever ploughed.
- B. I ploughed this mountain with cattle first time it was ever ploughed.
- C. I ploughed this mountain with cattle the first time it were ever ploughed.
- D. I ploughed these mountain with cattle the first time it was ever ploughed.



## Assessment 02

1. You know, Chips, having all these hundreds of boys cooped up here is really a unnatural arrangement, when you come to think about it.  
A. Having  
B. Is  
C. A  
D. To think
2. One day he got a letter from Switzerland, from friends there; it was heavily censored, but conveyed a news.  
A. A letter  
B. From  
C. Heavily  
D. A news
3. She was a governess out of a job, with little money saved up; she read and admired Ibsen; she believed that women ought to be admitted to the Universities.  
A. A job  
B. Little  
C. Admired  
D. To be
4. Third Abd-al-Rahman, like his illustrious predecessor, was a young man when he took office, being only twenty three: and like him also was a youth of intelligence and determination.  
A. Third  
B. Took  
C. Being  
D. A youth
5. The Prime Minister and other ministers are expected to attend a conservative conference in Lahore the next spring.  
A. The Prime Minister  
B. To attend  
C. A  
D. The next
6.  
A. While she was at the library, Memona decided to seek out an information on accommodation in the area.  
B. While she was at the library, Memona decided to sought out some information on accommodation in the area.  
C. While she was at the library, Memona decided to seek out some information on accommodation in the area.

- D. While she was at the library, Memona decided to seek out any information on accommodation in the area.

7.

- A. The stars travel through a universe so immense that it is very, very rare event indeed for one star to come anywhere near to another.  
B. The stars travel through a universe so immense that it is very, very rare event indeed for a star to come anywhere near to another.  
C. The stars travel through an universe so immense that it is very, very rare event indeed for one star to come anywhere near to another.  
D. The stars travels through a universe so immense that it is very, very rare event indeed for one star to come anywhere near to another.

8.

- A. It was on this steep slope that my father once made me little wooden plough.  
B. It was on these steep slope that my father once made me a little wooden plough.  
C. It was on this steep slope that my father once made me a little wooden plough.  
D. It was on this steep slope that my father once made to me a little wooden plough.

9.

- A. As he came to first he looked up for a moment with a slightly sad expression towards the royal platform, as though he asked some question with his eyes.  
B. As he came to the first he looked up for a moment with a slightly sad expression towards royal platform, as though he asked some question with his eyes.  
C. As he came to the first he looked up for a moment with a slight sad expression towards the royal platform, as though he asked some question with his eyes.  
D. As he came to the first he looked up for a moment with a slightly sad expression towards the royal platform, as though he asked some question with his eyes.

10.

- A. The Los Angeles has solved the problem by bringing water to the city from the Colorado River, 544 kilo meters away.  
B. Los Angeles has solved the problem by bringing water to the city from the Colorado River, 544 kilo meters away.  
C. Los Angeles has solved the problem by bringing water to the city from Colorado River, 544 kilo meters away.  
D. Los Angeles has solved the problem by bringing water to city from the Colorado River, 544 kilo meters away.

## Assessment 03

1. This place is surely a outpost of hell, with its oppressive heat and dense clouds of smoke.  
A. Is  
B. A  
C. Its  
D. Of
2. English have produced the finest writers in the world and the English World has ill-treated them during their lives.  
A. English  
B. The finest  
C. Has  
D. Their
3. It was a bold move on their part to open a branch of the business in the France.  
A. A bold  
B. Open  
C. The  
D. The France
4. The Kotri Barrage is the final such structure before the river empties into an Arabian Sea.  
A. The  
B. The final  
C. The river  
D. An Arabian Sea
5. I'm glad to learn that Alia won the first prize in the debate competition held at her school.  
A. Learn  
B. The first  
C. The debate  
D. Held
6. In electronics, an interface between an P -type and N-type semiconductor material; such an interface produces a diode effect.  
A. James Dillingham Youngs were very proud of two things which they owned.  
B. The James Dillingham Youngs was very proud of two things which they owned.  
C. The James Dillingham Youngs were very proud of two things which they owned.  
D. The James Dillingham Youngs were much proud of two things which they owned.
7. It was like being in an elevator which suddenly drops from the top of an twenty storey building to the basement.  
A. Whether the railway track is an upward ascent or is a sloping descent, the night mail is always on time and follows the time schedule.  
B. Whether the railway track is a upward ascent or is a sloping descent, the night mail is always on time and follows the time schedule.

- C. Whether the railway track is an upward ascent or is sloping descent, the night mail is always on time and follows the time schedule.
- D. Whether the railway track is an upward ascent or is a sloping descent, the night mail are always on time and follows the time schedule.

8.

- A. I'm afraid I can't remember the exact date of a show.
- B. I'm afraid I can't remember the exact date of show.
- C. I'm afraid I can't remember exact date of a show.
- D. I'm afraid I can't remember the exact date of the show.

9.

- A. "Oh, no, no," he said as he began to climb the second bluff that lifted abrupt from the flat toward the sky.
- B. "Oh, no, no," he said as he began to climb second bluff that lifted abruptly from the flat toward the sky.
- C. "Oh, no, no," he said as he began to climb the second bluff that lifted abruptly from the flat toward sky.
- D. "Oh, no, no," he said as he began to climb the second bluff that lifted abruptly from the flat toward the sky.

10.

- A. More unjust the king is, the more troubled his country will be.
- B. The more unjust the king is, the more troubled his country will be.
- C. The more unjust the king is, more troubled his country will be.
- D. The more unjust king is, the more troubled his country will be.

## Key

### Assessment 01

1. c
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. a
6. c
7. d
8. a
9. d
10. a

### Assessment 02

1. c
2. d
3. b
4. a
5. d
6. c
7. a
8. c
9. d
10. b

### Assessment 03

1. b
2. a
3. d
4. d
5. b
6. c
7. a
8. d
9. d
10. b