

Articles

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Indefinite article

a

or

an

The indefinite article means ONE.

It can only be used with singular
countable nouns



Concept

One of the same class

My brother is a lawyer.

Patricia is a descendent of an Irish family.

Concept

When something or someone is mentioned for the first time

I bought a radio today.

Concept

Phrases showing frequency

There is a boat once a day at 8 o'clock.

Articles

Definite article

the

The definite article refers to countable or uncountable, singular and plural nouns. It refers to something specific.





Concept

Thing or person was
mentioned before

This is Vidya. She is the
daughter of a friend of mine.



Concept

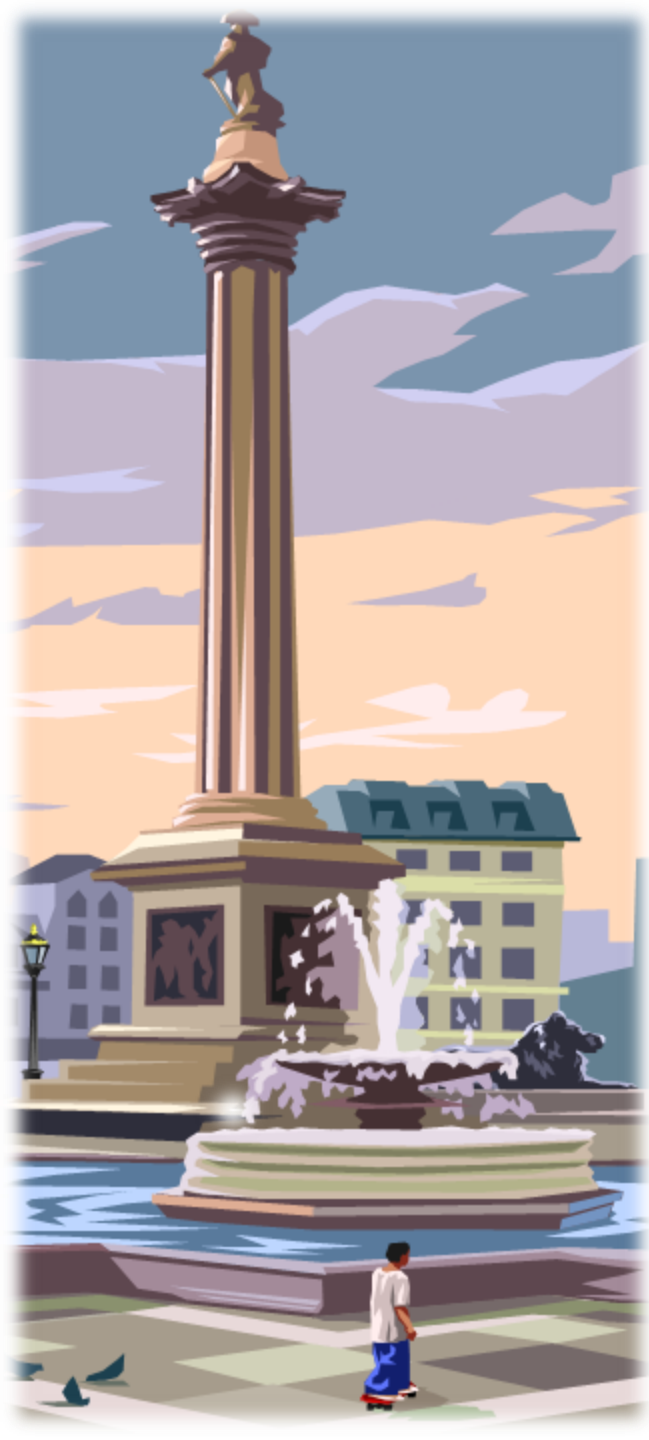
Thing or person is unique

Don't look at the sun.
You'll hurt your eyes.

Concept

Thing or person
is clearly specified

Meet me at the statue on
the corner of Karamsad Road
and Green Avenue.





Concept

The context makes it clear

We've got a new fountain
in the garden.

Concept

The person or thing is defined
by the words that follow

My family has been here
since the turn of the century.



Remember

We also use definite articles with...

Superlatives

This is the highest mountain in **the** world.

Ordinal numbers

I live on **the** second floor.

Decades

I was born in **the** 80's.

Centuries

Millions left Uganda in **the** 19th century.

Articles

Zero article

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General references





Concept

When we're referring to things
in general,
we **don't** need an article.

Holidays are so relaxing!

Butter is very fattening.



Concept

We also use NO article with

Most places names

I went to Ranchi in Jharkhand in 2007.

Months and years

Nishith was born in December 2007.



However...

A group of states

The United States

A group of countries

The United Kingdom



The or Zero?



The life of an immigrant is often very hard.

Life in the 21st century is changing fast.

Children grow up faster nowadays.

The children in my street are very naughty.

Love your neighbours as you love thyself.

The love he had for his country was huge.



Thanks