

1. Determiners

Determiners are words placed before nouns to clarify what the noun refers to. They help specify quantity, possession, definiteness, or other attributes.

Types of Determiners:

1. **Articles** – *a, an, the*
 2. **Demonstratives** – *this, that, these, those*
 3. **Possessives** – *my, your, his, her, its, our, their*
 4. **Quantifiers** – *some, many, few, several, much, any, all, enough, both*
 5. **Numbers** – *one, two, first, second, etc.*
 6. **Distributives** – *each, every, either, neither*
 7. **Interrogatives** – *which, what, whose*
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2. Articles

Articles are a type of determiner used to define nouns as specific or unspecific.

Types of Articles:

1. **Definite Article** (*the*)
 - o Used when referring to a specific noun.
 - o Example: *The book on the table is mine.*
 2. **Indefinite Articles** (*a, an*)
 - o Used when referring to a general noun.
 - o *A* is used before words beginning with a consonant sound.
 - Example: *A university, A book*
 - o *An* is used before words beginning with a vowel sound.
 - Example: *An apple, An hour*
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Usage of Articles in Technical Context

- **Definite Article (The)**
 - o *The* algorithm we discussed is efficient.
 - o *The* internet has revolutionized communication.
 - **Indefinite Articles (A/An)**
 - o A programmer must learn multiple languages.
 - o An API is used for data exchange.
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Common Errors & Tips:

- ✓ Use 'the' when referring to something unique: *The sun, The internet*
- ✓ Do not use 'a/an' with uncountable nouns: Wrong: *A software* → Correct: *Software*
- ✓ Choose 'a' or 'an' based on sound, not spelling: *An MBA student* (as 'M' sounds like 'Em')