

CHUYÊN ĐỀ 11: MẠO TỪ: A, AN, THE (ARTICLE: A, AN, THE)

1. Cách sử dụng mạo từ không xác định “A” và “An”

Dùng “a” hoặc “an” trước một danh từ đếm được số ít (singular nouns). Chúng có nghĩa là một. Chúng được dùng trong câu có tính khái quát hoặc đề cập đến một chủ thể chưa được đề cập từ trước.

Ex: A ball is round. (Trái bóng tròn - nghĩa chung chung, khái quát, chỉ tất cả các quả bóng)

Mạo từ “a”	Mạo từ “an”
<p>Dùng “an” với:</p> <p>Mạo từ “an” được dùng trước từ bắt đầu bằng nguyên âm (trong cách phát âm, chứ không phải trong cách viết). Bao gồm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Các từ bắt đầu bằng các nguyên âm a, e, i, o, u <i>Ex: an aircraft, an empty glass, an object</i> - Một số từ bắt đầu bằng u, y <i>Ex: an uncle, an umbrella</i> - Một số từ bắt đầu bằng h câm <i>Ex: an heir, an hour</i> - Các từ mở đầu bằng một số chữ viết tắt <i>Ex: an S.O.S/ an M.P</i> 	<p>Dùng “a” với:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dùng “a” trước các từ bắt đầu bằng một phụ âm. Chúng bao gồm các chữ cái còn lại và một số trường hợp bắt đầu bằng u, y, h <i>Ex: a house, a university, a home party, a heavy load, a uniform, a union, a year income,...</i> - Dùng trước một danh từ mở đầu bằng “uni”, “eu” phải dùng “a” <i>Ex: a university, a uniform, a universal, a union, Europe,</i>

2. Cách dùng mạo từ xác định “The”

- Dùng “the” trước một danh từ đã được xác định cụ thể về mặt tính chất, đặc điểm, vị trí hoặc đã được đề cập đến trước đó, hoặc những khái niệm phổ thông, ai cũng biết

Ex: The boy in the corner is my friend

(Cậu bé đứng ở góc đường là bạn tôi - Cả người nói và người nghe đều biết đó là “cậu bé” nào)

Sau đây là một số trường hợp sử dụng “the” và không sử dụng “the” thường gặp.

Có “The”	Không “The”
<p>Dùng trước tên các đại dương, sông ngòi, biển, vịnh và các cụm hồ (số nhiều) <i>Ex: The Red Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, the Persian Gulf, the Great Lakes</i></p>	<p>Trước tên một hồ <i>Ex: Lake Geneva, Xuan Huong lake</i></p>
<p>Trước tên các dãy núi <i>Ex: The Rocky Mountains, The Everest Mountains</i></p>	<p>Trước tên một ngọn núi <i>Ex: Mount Vesuvius, Mount Langbiang</i></p>
<p>Trước tên những vật thể duy nhất trong vũ trụ hoặc trên thế giới <i>Ex: The earth, the moon, the sun</i></p>	<p>Trước tên các hành tinh hoặc các chòm sao <i>Ex: Venus, Mars</i></p>
<p>The schools, colleges, universities + of + danh từ riêng <i>Ex: The University of Florida</i></p>	<p>Trước tên các trường này nếu trước nó là một tên riêng <i>Ex: Stetson University, Dalat University</i></p>
<p>The + số thứ tự + danh từ <i>Ex: The third chapter (chương thứ ba)</i></p>	<p>Trước các danh từ đi cùng với một số đếm <i>Ex: Chapter three (chương ba) Word War One (Thế chiến thứ Nhất)</i></p>
<p>Trước tên các cuộc chiến tranh khu vực với điều kiện tên khu vực đó phải được tính từ hoá <i>Ex: The Korean War, The American Civil War (cuộc nội chiến Mỹ)</i></p>	<p>Trước tên các nước chỉ có một từ <i>Ex: China, France, Venezuela, Vietnam</i></p>

Trước tên các nước có hai từ trở lên (ngoại trừ Great Britain)	Trước tên các nước mở đầu bằng New, một tính từ chỉ hướng:
<i>Ex: The United States, The Central African Republic (Cộng hòa Trung Phi)</i>	<i>Ex: New Zealand, North Korean</i>
Trước tên các nước được coi là một quần đảo hoặc một quần đảo <i>Ex: The Philippines, The Virgin Islands, The Hawaii</i>	Trước tên các lục địa, tỉnh, tiểu bang, thành phố, quận, huyện: <i>Ex: Europe, Florida</i>
Trước tên các tài liệu hoặc sự kiện lịch sử <i>Ex: The Constitution (Hiến pháp)</i>	Trước tên bất kì môn thể thao nào <i>Ex: baseball, basketball</i>
Trước tên các nhóm dân tộc thiểu số <i>Ex: The Indians</i>	Trước các danh từ trừu tượng (trừ một số trường hợp đặc biệt): <i>Ex: freedom, happiness</i>
Trước tên các nhạc cụ khi đề cập đến các nhạc cụ đó nói chung hoặc khi chơi các nhạc cụ đó <i>Ex: The violin is difficult to play.</i>	Trước tên các môn học nói chung <i>Ex: Mathematics (Toán học)</i>
	Trước tên các ngày lễ, tết <i>Ex: Christmas, Thanksgiving (Lễ Tạ Ơn)</i>
	Trước tên các loại hình nhạc cụ trong các hình thức âm nhạc cụ thể (Jazz, Rock, classical music..) <i>Ex: To perform jazz on trumpet and piano (Biểu diễn nhạc Jazz bằng kèn và đàn piano)</i>

BÀI TẬP VẬN DỤNG

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answers.

- We are looking for _____ place to spend
A. the/the B. a/the C. a/ a D. the/ a
- Please turn off _____ light when you leave _____ room.
A. the/the B. a/a C. the/ a D. a/ the
- We are looking for people with _____ experience.
A. the B. a C. an D. Ø
- Would you pass me _____ salt, please?
A. a B. the C. am D. Ø
- Can you show me _____ way to _____ station?
A. the/the B. a/ a C. the/ a D. a/ the
- She has read _____ interesting book.
A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
- You'll get _____ shock if you touch _____ live wire with that screwdriver.
A. an/ the B. Ø/ the C. a/ a D. an/ the
- Mr. Smith is _____ old customer and _____ honest man.
A. an/ the B. the/ an C. an/ an D. the/ the
- _____ youngest boy has just started going to _____ school.
A. a/ Ø B. x/ the C. an/ Ø D. the/ Ø
- Do you go to _____ prison to visit him?
A. the B. a C. Ø D. an

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answers.

1. _____ eldest boy is at _____ college.
A. a/ the B. the/ Ø C. Ø/ a D. an/ Ø
2. Are you going away next week? No, _____ week after next.
A. an B. a C. the D. Ø
3. Would you like to hear _____ story about _____ English scientist?
A. an/ the B. the/ the C. a/ the D. a/ an
4. There'll always be a conflict between _____ old and _____ young.
A. the/the B. an/a C. an/ the D. the/ a
5. There was _____ collision at _____ corner.
A. the/a B. an/the C. a/the D. the/ the
6. My mother thinks that this is _____ expensive shop.
A. the B. an C. a D. Ø
7. Like many women, she loves _____ parties and _____ gifts.
A. the/ a B. a/ the C. a/ a D. Ø/ Ø
8. She works seven days _____ week.
A. a B. the C. an D. Ø
9. My mother goes to work in _____ morning.
A. a B. Ø C. the D. an
10. I am on night duty. When you go to _____ bed, I go to _____ work.
A. a/ Ø B. a/ the C. the/ Ø D. Ø/ Ø

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with suitable articles.

1. My birthday is _____ Sunday afternoon.
2. It doesn't often snow here at _____ Christmas. We haven't had _____ White Christmas for many years.
3. We came here in _____ summer of _____ 1969.
4. Are you doing anything at _____ weekend?
5. Rita plays _____ violin and her sister plays _____ piano.
6. On our trip to _____ Spain, we crossed _____ Atlantic Ocean.
7. David attended _____ Princeton University.
8. _____ Florida State University is smaller than _____ University of Florida.
9. _____ chair that you are sitting in is broken.
10. _____ Civil War was fought in _____ US between 1861 and 1865.

Exercise 4: Complete the sentences with suitable articles.

1. Jack has got _____ very long legs, so he's _____ fast runner.
2. You need _____ visa to visit _____ foreign countries, but not all of them.
3. I'm going to _____ supermarket to do some shopping.
4. Jane is _____ teacher. Her parents were _____ teachers too.
5. John is _____ teacher. Every morning, he gets up at 7 o'clock, has _____ breakfast and _____ cup of _____ coffee.
6. Jimmy has _____ sister in Oxford and _____ brother in _____ London.
7. Can you think _____ rich should pay more taxes to help _____.
8. When we reached _____ city centre, some shops were still open but most of them were already closed.
9. How much are those potatoes? 1.20 _____ kilo.
10. My father went out to _____ sea when he was 14.

Exercise 5: Choose the correct answers.

1. The British Prime Minister live in **Downing Street/ the Downing Street.**
2. One of the nicest parks in London is **St. James's Park/ the St. James's Park**, which is very near **Buckingham Palace/ the Buckingham Palace.**

3. Frank is a student at **Liverpool University/ the Liverpool University**.
4. Mr. Jenkins reads **Daily Telegraph/ the Daily Telegraph** but his wife reads **Times/ the Times**.
5. We flew from London to **Orly Airport/ the Orly Airport** in Paris.
6. Mary and Peter got married in **St. Matthew's Church/ the Matthew's Church**.
7. In Britain **coffee/ the coffee** is more expensive than tea/ the tea.
8. After leaving **school/ the school**, Nora worked as a cleaner **in hospital/ at the hospital**.
9. All over the world, people are in **prison/ the prison** because of their political beliefs.
10. The other day the fire-brigade had to go to **prison/ the prison** to put out a fire.

Exercise 6: Complete the sentences with *a/ an/ one*.

1. It weights over _____ hundred kilos.
2. I only asked for _____ pizza - I didn't want three of them.
3. I wouldn't allow _____ child of mine to be treated in that way.
4. It only took us _____ week to drive to Greece.
5. I've always wanted to own _____ silver-coloured car.
6. _____ sandwich isn't enough. I usually eat four or five.
7. Policies differ from _____ state to another.
8. Less than three quarters of _____ hour later, she was home.
9. All of the competitors completed the race, with just _____ exception.
10. The best way to learn _____ musical instrument is to find _____ enthusiastic teacher.

Exercise 7: Complete the paragraph with *the* or \emptyset .

(1) _____ Danube is Austria's longest river. Our uncle lives on (2) _____ Philippines. (3) _____ Jamaica belongs to the Caribbean islands. (4) _____ Statue of Liberty was dedicated in 1886. (5) _____ Taj Mahal is one of India's most popular attractions. (6) _____ Dead Sea lies below sea level. (7) _____ Everglades National Park is in Florida. Aconcagua is the highest mountain outside Asia. (8) _____ Mount Fuji is one of Japan's Three Holy Mountains. (9) _____ Lake Superior is the largest of (10) _____ Great Lakes.

Exercise 8: Complete the paragraph with suitable articles.

I arrived in (1) _____ USA last Monday. We left (2) _____ Rome, flew over the Alps and made a quick stop in (3) _____ London. There we went shopping at (4) _____ Harrods, visited (5) _____ Tower and enjoyed a sunny afternoon in (6) _____ Hyde Park. On the following day we left for (7) _____ New York. The time on board wasn't boring as there were two films to watch on the monitor. The people on the plane were all (8) _____ Italian. Before we landed at (9) _____ JFK airport, we saw (10) _____ Statue of Liberty, (11) _____ Ellis Island and (12) _____ Empire State Building. The hotel I stayed in was on the corner of (13) _____ 42nd Street and (14) _____ 5th Avenue. I don't like hotels very much, but I didn't have time to rent an apartment.

Exercise 9. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences

Câu 1.He played.....guitar at the party last night.

- A.a B.Ø C.the D.an

Câu 2. I asked her what.....for the poor.

- A.can she do B.could she do C.she can do D.she could do

Câu 3. Nam said he worked as.....doctor there.

- A.the B.an C.a D. Ø

Câu 4. Do you think Bangkok is.....capital of Thailand?

- A.a B.Ø C.the D.an

Câu 5. Mr Green is.....M.P. He works in London.

- A.an B.Ø C.the D.a

Câu 6. My brother is.....university student .He is studying law inU.K now.

- A.an/an B.a/the C.a/a D.a/ Ø

Câu 7.She wishes she would becomestudent inuniversity.

- A.an/a B.a/an C.an/an D.a/a

Câu 8.She can playpiano very well at the party.

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Câu 9.She speaks English inU.K.

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- Câu 10.** The teacher should gives us.....to do at jome everyday.
A.a homework B. many homeworks C.some homework D.a few homework
- Câu 11.** He doesn't like much sugar.He needs just.....
A.a few B.a little C.few D.little
- Câu 12.** Quan isunversity student.he is studying law in.....U.S.A.
A.an/a B.a/an C.an/an D.a/the
- Câu 13.** Noi Bai is.....businest airport in VietNam,I'vw ever seen.
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- Câu 14.** English is spoken all over.....world.
A.an B.Ø C.a D.the
- Câu 15.** I think people should help.....poor andold.
A.an / a B.a / an C.the / the D.a /the
- Câu 16.** SonTung often spendshour a night to practice singing.
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- Câu 17.** Do you like playing.....soccer or.....violin in your free time?
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- Câu 19.** Would you like to drink.....beer?
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- Câu 20.** Do you havebrothers or sisters?
A.any B.some C.a D.much
- Câu 21.** May I have..... sugar for my coffee?
A.any B.some C.a D.a few
- Câu 22.** Did you listeb to the news.....T.V or onradio?
A. a/a B. Ø / the C. Ø / a D.a/the
- Câu 23.** The boys over there are collecting money for.....unemployed.
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A. Ø B.the C.a D.an
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A. a/an B. an / the C. Ø / a D.a/the
- Câu 33.**girl you met at the party last night is my classmate.
A.a B. the C.an D. Ø
- Câu 34.** Do you ever wish you would live in.....Paris someday.
A. Ø B.a C.the D. an
- Câu 35.** This isthird time,you have made that mistake.
A.a B.Ø C.an D.the

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answers.

1. B	2. A	3. D	4. B	5. A
6. B	7. B	8. C	9. D	10. A

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answers.

1. B	2. C	3. D	4. A	5. C
6. B	7. D	8. A	9. C	10. D

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with suitable articles.

1. Ø	2. Ø	3. Ø; Ø	4. Ø	5. the; the
6. Ø; the	7. Ø	8. Ø; the	9. the	10. the; the

Exercise 4: Complete the sentences with suitable articles.

1. Ø; a	2. a; some	3. the	4. a; Ø	5. a; Ø; a; Ø
6. a; a; Ø	7. the; the	8. the	9. a	10. Ø

Exercise 5: Choose the correct answers.

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| 1. Downing Street | 6. St. Matthew's Church |
| 2. St. James's Park; Buckingham Palace | 7. coffee; tea |
| 3. Liverpool University | 8. school; at the hospital |
| 4. the Daily Telegraph; the Times | 9. prison |
| 5. Orly Airport | 10. the prison |

Exercise 6: Complete the sentences with *a/ an/ one*.

1. one	2. one	3. one	4. one	5. a
6. One	7. one	8. a	9. an	10. a; an

Exercise 7: Complete the paragraph with *the* or *Ø*.

1. The	2. the	3. Ø	4. The	5. The
6. The	7. Ø	8. Ø	9. Ø	10. the

Exercise 8: Complete the paragraph with suitable articles.

1. the	2. Ø	3. Ø	4. Ø	5. the	6. Ø	7. Ø
8. Ø	9. Ø	10. the	11. Ø	12. the	13. Ø	14. Ø

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| A.an/an | B.a/the | C.a/a | D.a/ Ø |
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Câu 7. She wishes she would becomestudent inuniversity.

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| A.an/a | B.a/an | C.an/an | D.a/a |
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Câu 8. She can playpiano very well at the party.

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Câu 9. She speaks English inU.K.

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Câu 11. He doesn't like much sugar.He needs just.....

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| A.a few | B.a little | C.few | D.little |
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Câu 12. Quan isunversity student.he is studying law in.....U.S.A.

A.an/a	B.a/an	C.an/an	D.a/the
Câu 13. Noi Bai is.....busiest airport in VietNam,I've ever seen.			
A.a	B.Ø	C.the	D.an
Câu 14. English is spoken all over.....world.			
A.an	B.Ø	C.a	D.the
Câu 15. I think people should help.....poor andold.			
A.an / a	B.a / an	C.the / the	D.a /the
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