**Articles**

* **Definitions**
* **Article**: a word added before nouns to define their nature as **definite** or **indefinite**.
* **Definite**: referring to a specific object or objects
* **Indefinite**: referring to objects in general
* **Concrete**: Something that can be sensed, such as a *chair* or *money*
* **Abstract**: Something that is a general idea without a physical form, such as *patience* or *luck*
* **Singular**: one
* **Plural**: more than one (the noun usually has an *s* at the end)
* **Articles**
* Singular nouns: Definite: *the* cat referring to one specific cat

Indefinite: *a* cat referring to some unknown cat or to cats in general

Referred: *This* or *that* cat

* Plural nouns Definite: *The* cats referring to more than one specific cat

Indefinite: [nothing] cats referring to cats in general

Referred: *These* or *those* cats

* **Rules**
* A definite article must precede all nouns referring to specific objects.
* An indefinite article must precede all nouns referring to non-specific objects if the noun is singular; if plural, no article is necessary
* Abstract nouns do not require an article
* **Examples**
* *The books* that you want are in *the brown bag*. (Both the books and bag are specific)
* *Cats* love to play with *a ball* of yarn. (Both cats and ball are non-specific)
* You need *patience* and *understanding* to live in Israel. (Abstract nouns)

Exercises:

* State whether the nouns are definite or indefinite and explain.
* Do not put sharp objects into ears. I -I
* The path to success is sometimes very long. D-I
* It is useful to study the material before the physics test. D-D
* Dogs are known for their love. I -I
* You find the answer on the Internet. D - D
* The results can be felt in a second. D-I
* Insert the correct article. It is possible that no article is necessary
* \_\_\_ eyes get red when \_\_\_ people cry.
* \_THE\_\_ best strategy is practice \_\_\_ patience.
* You can meet \_\_\_THE\_ ideal person for you in \_\_\_ places you cannot imagine.
* I found \_THE\_\_ book that I was looking for in \_THE\_\_ kitchen.
* It is dangerous to jump to \_A\_\_ conclusion because you don’t know \_\_THE\_\_\_ whole truth.
* \_\_\_\_\_ ethics is the study of \_\_\_\_\_ proper behavior.