

Articles

An article is a word that comes before the noun. In English there are three articles: a, an, the.

Articles

Indefinite

Definite

a

an

the

Indefinite article

The indefinite article (*a, an*) is used before a noun that is general or when its identity is not known.

a (before a singular noun beginning with a consonant sound)

an (before a singular noun beginning with a vowel sound)

a voice

an eye

Definite article

The definite article (*the*) is used before a noun to indicate that the identity of the noun is known to the reader.

the (before a singular or plural noun)

The Powerpuff Girls!

There are certain situations in which a noun takes no article.

Articles

Singular

Plural

a

an

the

the