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*We use A/an when we're  
talking about :*



- **1\_ an example of a thing, instrument etc**
- (A barometer is used to measure air pressure.)
- **2\_ one of a class of things or people**
- (Peter is a German .Maria is a teacher. This is an electric shaver.)
- **3\_ one if a set of named things**
- (They've bought a Picasso This is a Henry more sculpture.)



- **4 \_ rates and speed**

- ( The car was going at 50 km an hour.)

- **5 \_ large whole numbers , fractions with singular nouns , weight and distances(Half is usually used without an article)**

- ( A hundred , a million, a third ,a fifth ,two and a half , a kilo , a meter and a half)

- **6\_ names when we mean 'a person called .....'**

- (is there a Tom Davis staying here?)

- ***Tip: Half is usually used without an article***



- **7\_illness**

(a cold , a headache etc.)

- **8\_exclamation**

- (what a fantastic slight! What an awful room)

- **9\_emphasis**

- (this is such a great film! He is such an interesting person)

- **Tip : But most illness words use zero article**



*We use the article when*





- **1\_ referring to something we already mentioned**

- first, I grate some cheese . Then I sprinkle the cheese into the sauce

- **2\_ noun is made definite by the details that follow it**

- There's a tower over there . Yes, it's The Tower of London

- **3\_ things are definite because they are already known to the people**

- Jim is at the pub( the one we usually go to



- **4\_ things are made specific by the details, which follow**
  - The water tastes funny ( The water from the tap)
  - The girls in my class learn fast ( these particular girls)
- **5 \_ a singular noun to describe a class of things**
  - The bicycle is becoming increasingly popular The whale is in danger of extinction
- **6\_ An abstract noun is made specific by what comes after it**
  - The health of millions of people may be at risk





- **7\_ names of groups**

- The Democrats

- **8\_ name of music groups**

- The who , primal scream , The rolling Stones , Scorpions

- **9\_ many groups of people( The + singular adjective)**

- the Unemployed , the dead



- **10\_ name of shops and places with a general reference**
- At the Cinema , the supermarket, the beach
- **11\_ familiar objects**
- the sun , the moon





*We use o article when  
we're talking about:*



- **1\_ plurals and uncountable when they refer to a class of things or people in general**

- (Teachers often work very long hours Water is becoming a scarce resource)

- **2\_ Abstract ideas**

- (Health is one of the most important things in life)

- **3\_ names of people**

- ( Tom lives in Bristol)
- ( unless we specify the person)





- **4 \_ proper names**

- ( I live in Allan Road in Bristol in an area called Redland)
- (The is used when there us a post modification with of )

- **5\_ places that their name begins of a place or person**

- ( London Bridge , waterloo station , madame Tussaud's)

- **6\_if a proper name comes before the noun**

- ( Euro MPs , Man United supporters)

*thanks for your attention*

