

General English

Article

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ARTICLE

- Use only Before Noun
- Indefinite Article – A, An
- Definite Article – The

Rule – 1

- **Use of A / An**
- “A” – Use before Consonant and Word with Starting with Vowel but giving sound Consonant
- A boy , A Child , A European , A universal Problem
- “An” – Use before Vowel and Word with starting with Consonant but giving sound Vowel , “h” with a mute
- An Elephant , An hour , an LL.B student, an M.P , an MLA

Rule – 2

- **A/An + Singular Countable Common Noun – First time and Mention Singularity**
- **I need a book , Twelve inches makes a foot**
- **A/An + Singular countable noun – Single out some person from a group , class of things**
- **A/An + Proper noun – Common noun**
- **A Shylock is living in my neighbourhood**
- **A/An + quantity , Price/rate, speed, ratio**
- **Rupees ten a kilo , A dozen mangoes**
- **A/An in place of Preposition “in” to avoid weakened**
- **He earns fifty thousand rupees a year**
- **Exclamation – What or how before singular countable nouns**
- **What a hot day , What a pretty girl**
- **Rather + a , A + very , A + Much , Such +a , quite + an , as + a + as , Too +a + to, So + a + that**
- **It is rather a nuisance**
- **She is as intelligent a student as her brother is.**
- **He is such a nice man that everybody likes him.**

- Before a person not known to the speaker
- A Mr. Gupta = Some Mr. Gupta
- Before the verbs used as noun
- For a swim, For a talk, For a visit, For a walk , For a drive, For a rest, have a taste, have a mind, have a pain
- Before Phrases
- In a hurry, A pity, Take a liking, Feel a shame, take a fancy, Make a noise, Tell a lie
- Before the Denoting numbers
- A hundred, A dozen, A million
- Instead of Some – Add A to Little and Few
- I have little money to buy a house
- Please give me a little sugar
- Plural of A , An not – So Use Some and Any it is equivalent of the plural
- A horse = Some horses
- An orange = Some Oranges

Rule – 3

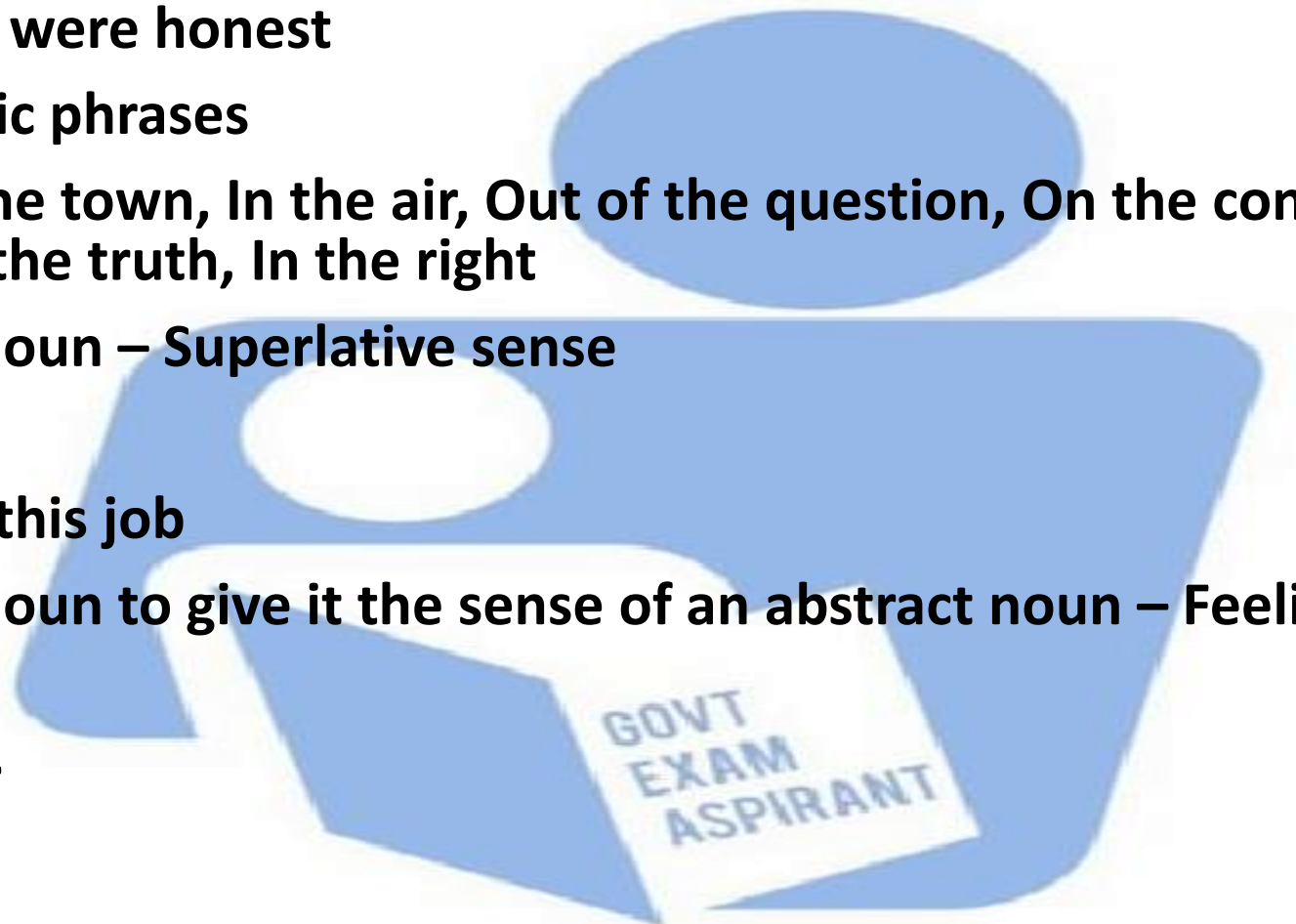
- **Use of The**

- Before the Particular person or a thing that is already mentioned
- The book is not available in the market
- The + Proper Noun
- Proper Noun (Unique Objects) – Historical buildings, Mountain ranges, Planets, rivers, oceans, gulfs, groups of islands, holy books, ordinals, descriptive names of countries, states, newspapers, magazines, deserts, superlative degree, name of trains, hotels, shops , trains
- The persian Gulf , The Taj Mahal, The Netherlands, The USA , The sahara , The Moon, The earth, The Ganges
- Not with Aravali and Everest
- The + Singular Noun expresses a class of animal or things , with plural forms avoid The
- The dog is a faithful animal
- The cow is economically useful
- The cows are economically useful
- Man / Mankind / Woman – In general Sense – use without article
- Before an Adjective when it represents a class of person
- The rich should help the poor
- The old are respected by the young
- Before Musical Instruments
- He can play the flute. She is fond of playing the harmonium

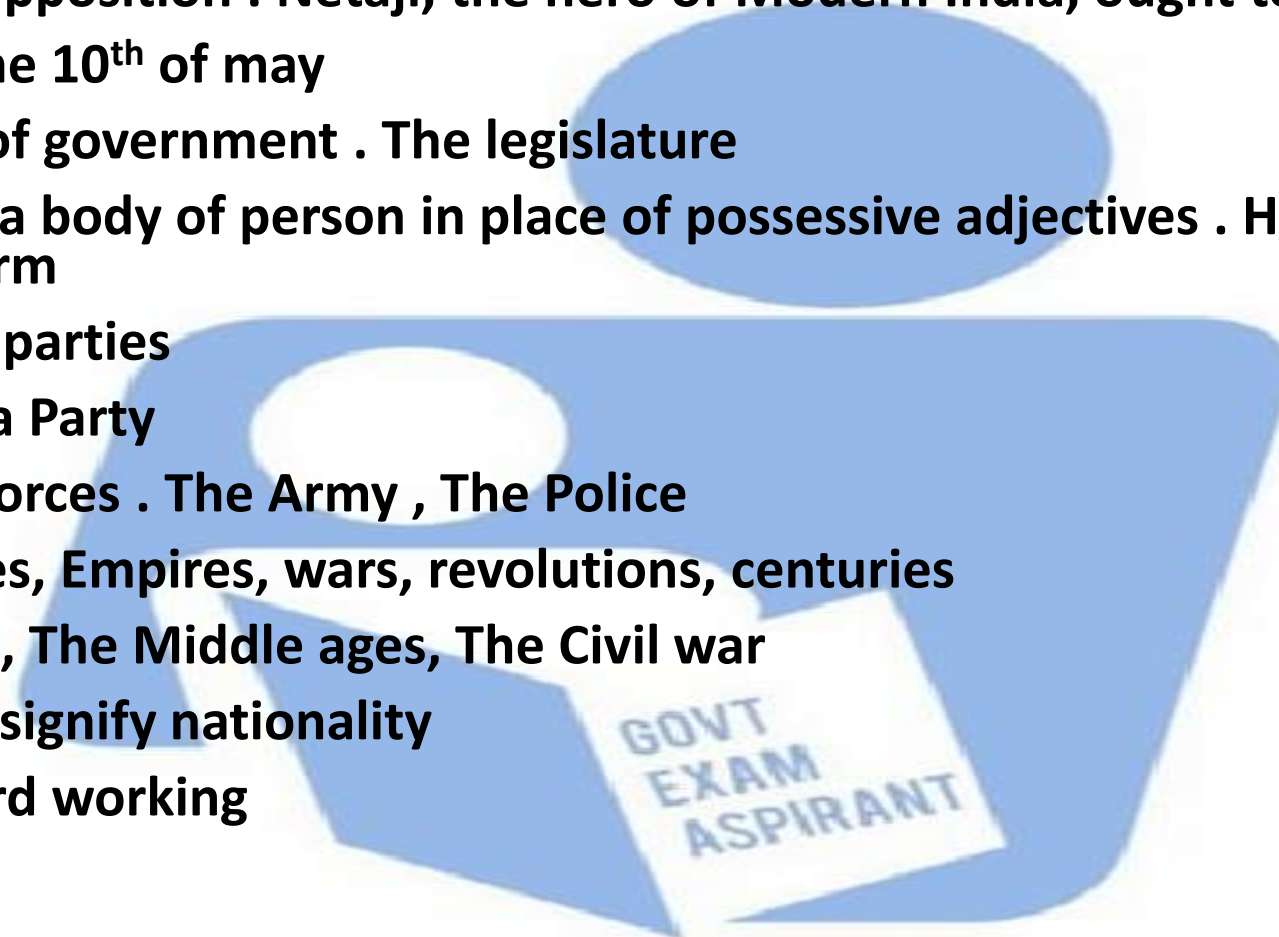
- Before and Adverb with a comparative sense
- The sooner, the better . The higher you go, the colder it is
- Before comparative degree in case of a choice
- She is the weaker of the two sisters
- Before proper noun of the sake of comparison
- Kalidas is the Shakespeare of India
- Before sports cups and trophies
- India won the Singer cup last year
- Before Physical Positions
- The top of the mountain. The centre of the Market
- With the cardinal points
- The Sun rises in the east. The Himalayas are to the North of India
- Before a unit of measurement
- Cloth is sold by the metre
- Eggs are sold by the dozen
- Before caste and communities
- The Rajputs are brave people
- The Marathas are hard working



- **The + Same / Whole . All / Both + The**
- **This is the same book that you gave me**
- **Both the brothers were honest**
- **In certain idiomatic phrases**
- **In the wrong, In the town, In the air, Out of the question, On the contrary, the benefit of the doubt, speak the truth, In the right**
- **Before Common noun – Superlative sense**
- **She is the woman**
- **He is the man for this job**
- **Before Common noun to give it the sense of an abstract noun – Feeling, quality**
- **The judge in him**
- **The mother in her**
- **Before Inventions**
- **The telephone**
- **The wireless**



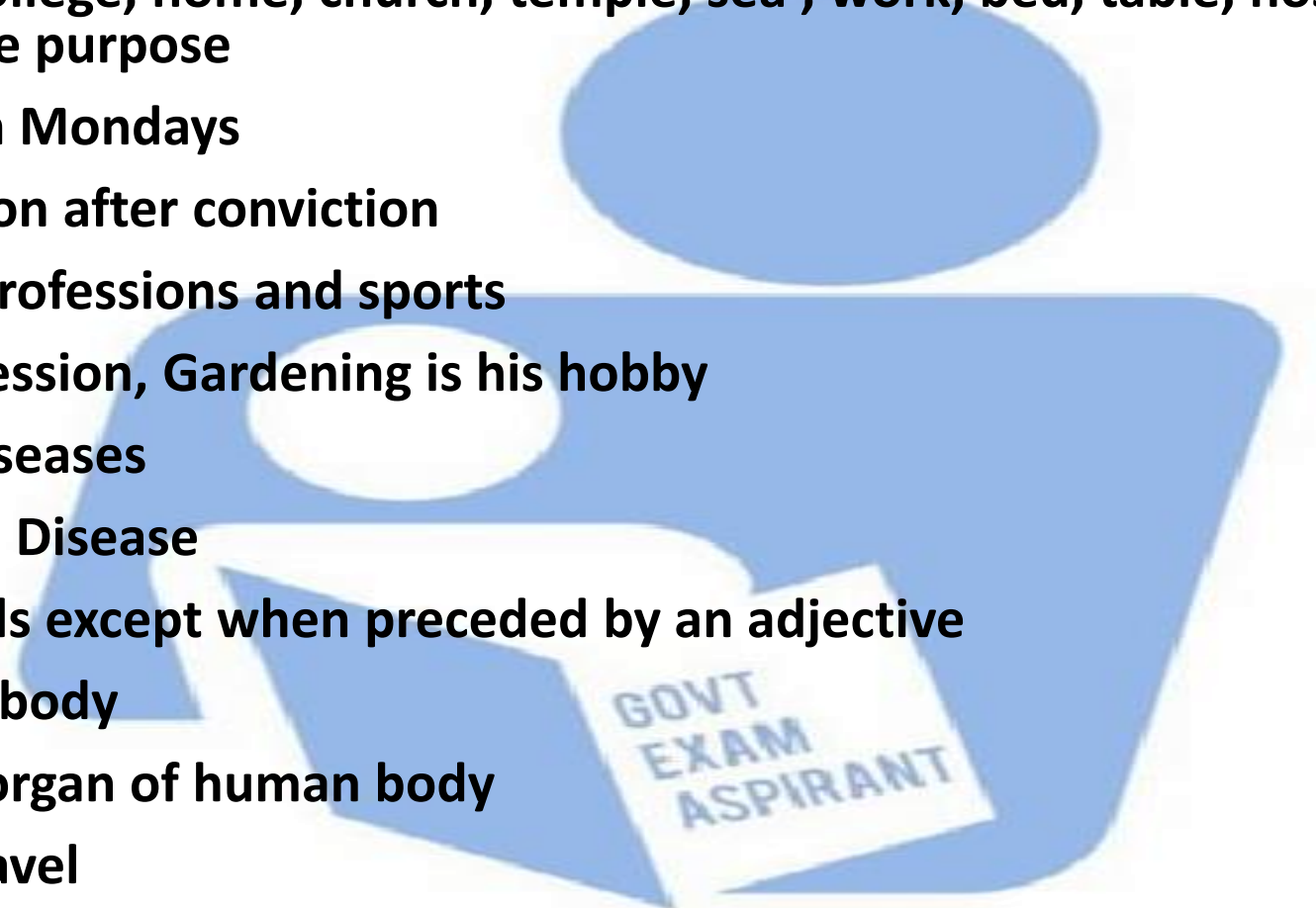
- Before the Professions . The Press
- Before a noun qualified by adjectives . The former president Abdul Kalam, The late Shri S.C.Bose
- Before the case in apposition . Netaji, the hero of Modern India, ought to be remembered
- Before the date . The 10th of may
- Before the Organs of government . The legislature
- Before the parts of a body of person in place of possessive adjectives . He hit me on the back, She caught me by the arm
- Before the Political parties
- The BJP , The Janata Party
- Before the Armed forces . The Army , The Police
- Before the Dynasties, Empires, wars, revolutions, centuries
- The Gupta Dynasty , The Middle ages, The Civil war
- Before language to signify nationality
- The Chinese are hard working
- Before nationality
- The Greeks, The Asians
- Before little and Few
- The Little & The Few – Some but all



Rule – 4

- Omission of Articles
- Before Proper noun
- Shakespeare was the greatest dramatist .
- Article + Proper Noun = Common Noun (Sake of Comparision)
- Before names of materials
- Silver is a useful metal
- Before abstract nouns as qualities, feelings and state used in general sense
- Truth is a noble quality
- Before Noun complement – Appoint , make, elect, select
- The committee appointed him captain
- The elected him president
- Before collective noun in general sense
- Life Is complex. Society does not allow this

- Before Uncountable noun – He gave me advice
- Before Languages – Chinese is a difficult language . He knows Russian very well
- Before – School , College, home, church, temple, sea , work, bed, table, hospital, market, prison, court – going for the purpose
- We go to temple on Mondays
- He was sent to prison after conviction
- Before – hobbies, Professions and sports
- Dancing is her profession, Gardening is his hobby
- Before names of Diseases
- Cancer is a dreaded Disease
- Before regular meals except when preceded by an adjective
- Before parts of the body
- Liver is the largest organ of human body
- Before modes of travel
- He will go by air
- A journey by road is very comfortable



- Before name of relations like – Uncle, Mother, Father in place of possessive adjectives
- Father will go to Delhi tomorrow
- In certain phrases
- To lose heart , Last but not least, to set foot, to catch fire, to give ear, to send word, by day, in hand, at sunrise, by name, at home, at last
- Before such nouns – Cattle, gentry, people – General sense
- Before little , few – Negative sense

Rule – 5

- When two or more connected nouns refer to the same person or things, the article should be used before the first noun. However, the article is used before each noun if they refer to two different persons or objects
- The Prime Minister and the President are visiting the town today
- The Prime minister and president of the party is on a visit to the town today
- One article before the Adjective when two or more adjectives qualify the same noun
- She is wearing a black and a white saree
- If there are two articles before ordinals, use singular noun. In the case of article before one ordinal, noun should be used in plural form
- The first and the second chapter are very difficult
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