

a

an

the

The **BASICS**

Articles

Where do they
come?

before “nouns”..

an

a

Indefinite
'general'

before

**Singular,
Countable**
nouns

Articles

**Where & how are they
used?**

the

Definite
'specific'

before

**Singular / Plural
Countable /
Uncountable** nouns

an

Indefinite
'general'

- A book
- An
engineer

a

Articles

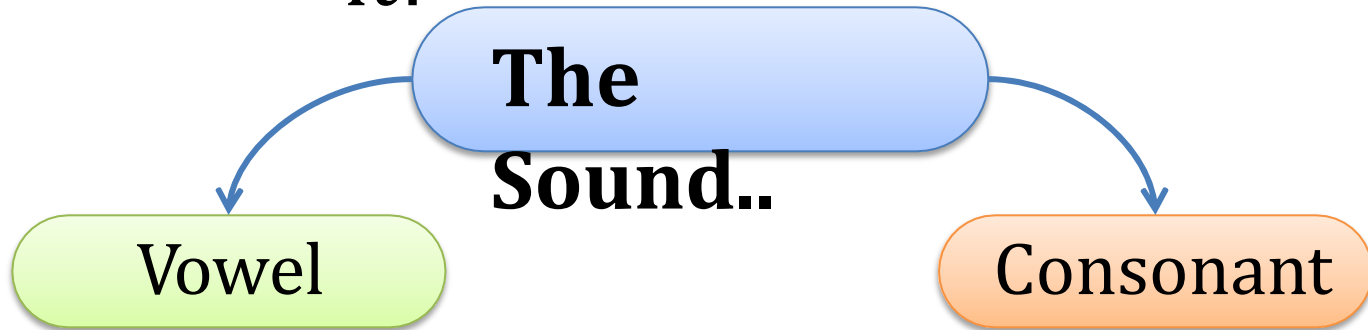
the

Definite
'specific'

- The book
- The
doctor

'a' or 'an'

What determines
it?



actor
elephant
island
orange
umbrella

boy school
forest
hospital
university

'a' or 'an'

What about
these?

a house

a horse

an hour

an honest man

'a' or 'an'

What about these?

a university

a union

a umbrella

n
a European

'a' or 'an'

What about
these?

a house

an honest man

an ear

a year

'a' or 'an'

What about these?

a one-rupee note

a one-eyed man

a useful article

a yellow building

“The” definite article

- Before a particular person or thing
- One already referred to
- _____ book you want is available.
- Let us go to _____ theatre.
- He shouted at her and _____ girl cried.

NO Article

- Before most Proper Nouns..
- Names of People..
- Names of Continents, Countries, Cities..
- Names of individual mountains, hills..
- Individual islands, lakes..

BUT

“The” definite article

- Before some proper names of places
- Oceans & seas → the Bay of Bengal
- Rivers → the Ganges, the river Krishna
- Canals → the Buckingham canal
- Deserts → the Sahara, the Thar

“The” definite article

- Before some proper names of places
- Groups of Islands ☐ the West Indies
- Mountain Ranges ☐ the Himalayas
- A few countries ☐ the Indian Republic
☐ the United Kingdom
☐ the Netherlands
☐ the US

If you know one
language, learning
another is **EASY**...

**A Foreign
Language can be
best learnt by
REPETITION**