

The **BASICS**

Articles

Where do they
come?

before “nouns”..

an

The diagram illustrates the English articles 'an' and 'a' as 'Indefinite, 'general''. It also shows 'the' as 'Definite, 'specific''. A large orange cloud contains the word 'Articles'. Arrows point from 'an' and 'a' to the cloud, and another arrow points from 'the' to the cloud. To the right, a blue bracket indicates that 'before Singular, Countable nouns' is used with 'an' and 'a'. To the left, a purple bracket indicates that 'before Singular / Plural Countable / Uncountable nouns' is used with 'the'.

Indefinite

'general'

a

Articles

the

Definite

'specific'

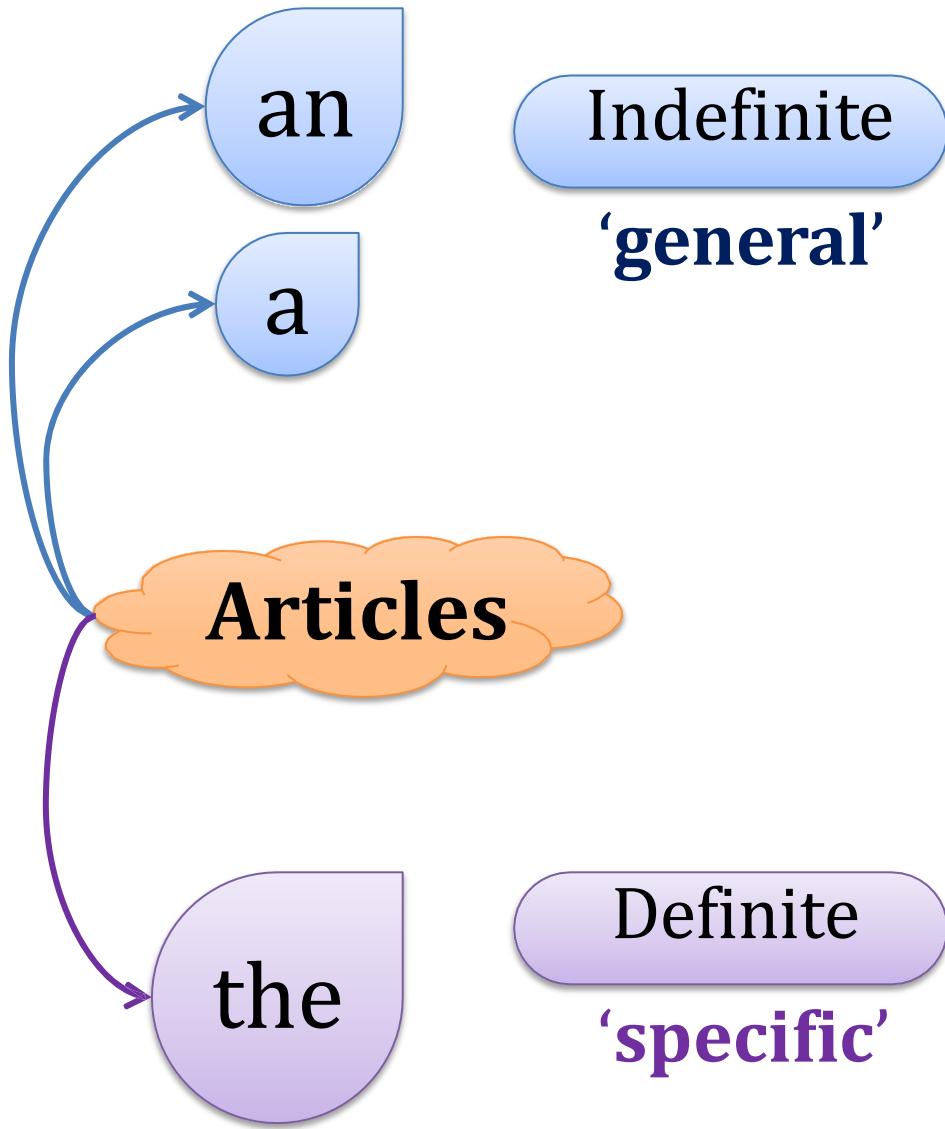
before

**Singular,
Countable
nouns**

**Where & how are they
used?**

before

**Singular / Plural
Countable /
Uncountable nouns**



- A book
 - An engineer
-
- The book
 - The doctor

'a' or 'an'

What determines
it?

**The
Sound..**

Vowel

Consonant

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**