No articles

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(Most important rules)

ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ, ಸುಲಭವಾಗಿ, ಫ್ರೀ ಆಗಿ

ಸ್ಪೋಕನ್ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಕಲಿಯಿರಿ





Mountain = Common noun

Everest = Proper noun

Country = Common noun

India = Proper noun

The Sun = Unique name



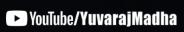
No article is used before days, months and years

1. No article - days, months and years

- last week / this week / next week
- last Saturday / this Saturday / next Saturday / on Saturday(s)
- last month / this month / next month
- last August / this August / next August / in August / on August 8th
- last summer / this summer / next summer
- last year / this year / next year / in 2008

No article is used before Holidays, companies, languages, countries, states, cities, towns, continents, sports, streets, lakes. names of universities, single mountains. Subjects you study at school: math, geography, history, science. (they are proper nouns.)

- I got a beautiful new dress for Deepawali / for Eid / for Christmas.
- I got my mom a saree for Mother's Day.
- We live in India and she lives in the USA.
- I'm going to Europe next month.
- Mt. Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan.
- Steve Jobs founded Apple.
- Reliance has many subsidiaries.
- My brother studied in Harvard.
- My sister graduated from the university of Delhi.
- I can speak Hindi a little.



- We study both Kannada and English.
- She speaks English very well.
- I left my book at home.
- I have to go to work early tomorrow.
- She does yoga 3 times a week.
- I play football every day after school.
- My sister really enjoys dancing.
- I went to Church street yesterday.

No article is used before acronyms

3. No article with acronyms

UNESCO (NOT the UNESCO)

AIDS (Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome)

NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)

Corp (Corporation)

Co (Company)

No article is used with some common fixed expressions

4. No article with some common fixed expressions

- to school / university / college / church / jail / bed / hospital / sea / town
- at school / university / college / church / sea
- in school / university / college / church / jail / bed / hospital / town
- from school / university / college / church / town
- out of bed / hospital
- at / to / from / leave home
- leave school / university / college
- start school / university / college
- enter school / university / college

at school - at a school - at the school

we are referring to the place as a general idea.

A: Hey, where are you?

B: I am at school. / I am at a school.

A: Have you visited Kiran's school to meet the principal?

B: Yes, I am at the school now.

(university / college / prison / jail / hospital / church)

4. No article with some common fixed expressions

- by day / by hour
- at night
- on foot
- by car / bus / bicycle / plane / train / boat
- by radio / phone / letter / mail / email / text

(Travel)

4. No article with some common fixed expressions

- to have breakfast / lunch / dinner
- before breakfast / lunch / dinner
- after breakfast / lunch / dinner
- at breakfast / lunch / dinner
- for breakfast / lunch / dinner

No article is used to talk about people, things, etc. in general.

5. No article is used to talk in general

- Books are so important in my life.
- Life is wonderful.
- Life is complicated.
- My sister loves cats.
- Are dogs more intelligent than cats?
- She's interested in Computers.
- Everybody likes music.
- I love chocolates.
- Sugar is fattening.
- Most birds can fly. (= the majority of)

- The books are on the table.
- The life of a soldier is full of danger.
- I'm studying the life of Gandhiji.
- I don't like the black cats. Why are the dogs barking?
- She's interested in the computer jobs.

 - The music is too loud.
- Where are the chocolates?
 - Most of the children got very tired
 - Could you pass the sugar?

We usually leave out articles in abbreviated styles

newspaper headlines MAN KILLED ON MOUNTAIN headings Introduction Chapter 2 Section B picture captions Mother and child notices, posters, etc SUPER CINEMA instructions Open packet at other end. numbering and labelling Go through door A Control to Car 27: can you hear me? *Turn to page 26.* (NOT . . . the page 26.) (native-speaker) dictionary entries palm inner surface of hand . . . lists take car to garage; pay phone bill; . . . notes J thinks company needs new office

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