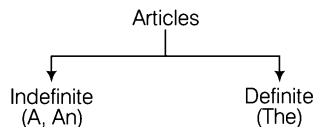


Article

'A' 'An' and 'The' are articles they specify a noun.

- (i) **A** tall boy was standing at the gate.
- (ii) She was writing **an** essay.
- (iii) **The** apple was not sweet.

Kinds of Article



Indefinite Articles

A and An are the indefinite articles that are used to specify a singular countable noun.

Use of 'An'

Article 'An' is used before a singular countable noun starting with a vowel or vowel sound.

- (i) **An** elephant, **An** apple
- (ii) **An** old lady, **An** important work
- (iii) **An** M.A., **An** honest man

Use of 'A'

Article 'A' is used before a singular countable noun starting with a consonant or consonant sound.

- (i) **A** school, **A** strong animal
- (ii) **A** uniform, **A** one rupee note

Definite Article

'The' is the definite article that is used to specify particular singular and plural noun.

Use of 'The'

Article 'The' is used before singular as well as plural noun.

- (i) **The** book, **the** books
- (ii) **The** water, **the** rivers

Some certain uses of 'The'

1. When a noun is repeated.
 - (i) I saw **a girl**. **The girl** was shouting at some body.
2. When noun represents the whole class.
 - (i) **The dog** is a faithful animal.
3. Before the name of directions and planets.
 - (i) You should go to **the East**.
 - (ii) **The Sun** is bigger than **the Earth**.
4. Before superlative degree.
 - (i) He is **the bravest** soldier.
5. Before the name of river, sea, gulf, mountain range etc.
 - (i) He jumped in to **the Yamuna**.
 - (ii) No one can measure **the Himalayas**.

Practice Exercise

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-15) *Fill in the blanks with suitable article from the options given below.*

1. Tower of London is popular tourist place.
(a) The/a (b) An/the (c) A/an (d) The/the
2. Where is video game I gave you yesterday?
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) No article
3. Binod has terrible headache.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) No article
4. Allahabad is situated on the bank of Ganga.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) No article
5. There is nothing like staying at home for relaxation.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) No article
6. I watched a magic show two days ago which was exciting experience.
(a) the (b) a
(c) an (d) No article
7. Mangoes and apples are exported to other countries from India.
(a) A/the (b) The/the
(c) The/a (d) No articles
8. Air India has show signs of improvement.
(a) A (b) An
(c) The (d) No article
9. little squirrel on this tree!
(a) an (b) the
(c) a (d) No article
10. I hate geography and biology, only subject I like is English.
(a) the/ The
(b) No article/The
(c) a/An
(d) the/A
11. What did you get for your birthday?
I got lot of good presents.
(a) a (b) the
(c) an (d) No article
12. Where are you going for your vacations?
I am going to hill station in Himachal Pradesh.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) No article
13. Do you think your friend is lying?
No, he is the kind of guy who never lies.
(a) the (b) an
(c) a (d) No article
14. How is your grandfather?
He is little sick, but it is nothing serious.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) No article

Answers

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