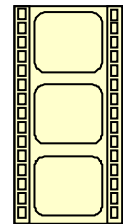


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Hello children!

Us he preparat aquest exercici per treballar « The article» on podeu aprendre a utilitzar-los, saber el lloc on els heu de posar a les frases que farem, cantar, fer exercicis per practicar i també jugar.

•Què he de fer?

En primer lloc heu de llegir la pàgina 3 per saber què és un article, per a què els fem servir i quants hi ha. A les pàgines 4,5,6 i 7 aprendreu a utilitzar-los segons la paraula a la que acompanya.

A la pàgina 8, 9,10 i 11 hi teniu les regles que ens indiquen quins, com i quan els hem de fer servir. A la pàgina 12 exercicis per fer online.

Pel que fa a la pàgina inicial:

Si cliqueu al cargolet hi ha un exercici on heu de triar l'article correcte.

Si cliqueu al llargardaix hi ha un joc. Heu de triar l'article, Per saber si la resposta és correcta, cliqueu a « submit » i si l'heu encertat cliqueu a sobre del dau

Si cliqueu al cotxe us portarà a un joc on heu de triar l'article correcte i llençar una pilota de bàsquet i intentar encistellar-la.

Si cliqueu a la nota musical podreu escoltar una cançó que si cliqueu a sobre de la floreta us posarà els subtítols en anglès i us facilitarà la comprensió.

Amb un clic a la pel·lícula podreu veure un video que us explicarà els funcionament dels articles.

*Recorda: A la part de baix i a la dreta dels vídeos hi ha una floreta on molts cops pots veure traduït el que diuen, bé en anglès o en castellà, i també pots reduir la velocitat per poder escoltar-ho més poc a poc i millor.

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What is an article?

An **article** is a word that comes before a noun.

In English the articles are **a, an, the**.

THE is a **definite** article. – It refers to something specific.

Exemple:I need **the** book. (It is a specific book, one that we both know about)

A and **AN** are **indefinite** articles. – They refer to something in general.

Exemple:I need **a** book. (It is book in general. I don't specify the book I need... any book is fine).

We use **A/AN** with:

1. Singular nouns and the first time we refer to a person, animal or thing.

a child

an elephant

a television

2. We don't use A/AN with possessive pronouns, demonstratives or cardinal numbers.

My shirt is dirty.

This car is expensive.

One person is in the reception.

3. We use ONE (or more) instead of A/AN when the number is important.

There is only one exit from the airport.

What is the difference between A and AN?

A is used when the next word begins with a consonant sound (b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k etc).

a book

a table

a clock

a university (because the beginning of university sounds like YOU-niversity)

AN is used when the next word begins with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u).

an apple

an elephant

an umbrella

an hour (because the H is silent)

The difference between A and AN

A and **AN** have the same meaning. **A** and **AN** are indefinite articles. The difference depends on the sound at the beginning of the next word.

When the next word starts with a
CONSONANT SOUND

Aa book a froga car a lemona dog a truck

When the next word starts with a
VOWEL SOUND

ANan apple an orangean egg an umbrellaan insect an actor

BE CAREFUL! The **SOUND** of the letter is important

a house BUT an hour

The **H** at the beginning of **hour** is **silent**.

an uncle BUT a university

The **U** at the beginning of **university** sounds like **YOU**.

This rule applies to all words after **A** or **AN** (including adjectives, adverbs...)

a cold dayan easy lessona very crazy personan interesting class

The Definite Article – THE

We use **THE** with:

1. A singular or plural noun when it is clear/obvious which person or thing we are talking about.

There is a lamp in my bedroom. (we mention the lamp for the first time)

The lamp is next to the desk.

2. Anything which we identify immediately.

We watched the new Brad Pitt movie last night.

3. Musical instruments (the violin, the guitar, the drums, the flute, the piccolo).

She plays the piano.

4. Something that is unique or there is only one.

the sun

the moon

the internet.

5. Names of rivers, seas, oceans, mountain ranges and deserts (always in capitals).

The Mississippi River

The Black Sea

The Andes

The Sahara Desert

6. Directions (cardinal points).

the west

the south-east

the north-west.

No Article

We use no article with:

1. When we refer to general ideas, [plurals](#) or [uncountable nouns](#) we do not use THE.

Religion is an important issue. (*NOT* The religion is an important issue)

Mexican food is spicy. (*NOT* The Mexican food is spicy).

2. Names of people, books and plays (unless it is part of the title).

I have read Romeo and Juliet.

3. Towns, cities, states and countries.

Cape Town

Montana

Vietnam

(Exceptions – The USA, The UK, The Netherlands, The Czech Republic, The Philippines).

4. Lakes, single islands, continents or mountains.

Lake Victoria

Jamaica

Asia

Mt Fuji

5. Planets

Mars

Jupiter

Saturn

6. Sports or games

soccer

tennis

skiing

monopoly

7. Meals

breakfast

lunch

dinner

supper

ARTICLES : RULES

the indefinite article : a / an

referring to a single person or object



I want a red apple

referring to something for the first time



There was a prince in a far away country

with names of jobs



Joe dreams of being a fireman

with nationalities, religion in singular



Pierre is a Frenchman
He is a Catholic

days of the week but not a particular day



Please, visit me on a Sunday morning

referring to an example of something



The man had a big nose

with singular nouns after "what/such"



What a lovely day!
He is such a good boy

with some illnesses



He has got a terrible headache

ARTICLES : RULES **zero article**

with years : 2005, 1402, 1990

with Island : Cyprus, Rhodes

with meals : breakfast, dinner

festivals : Easter, Oktoberfest

with continents : Asia, Africa

with cities/towns : Paris, London

with airports : London Gatwich

with games : baseball, tennis

with languages : French, German

with lakes : Lake Victoria

with seasons/months : Winter, May

with days : Monday, Friday

with countries : Italy, Turkey

with streets : Rose Street

with mountains : Everest

with proper nouns : Beyonce

ARTICLES : RULES

the definite article : "THE"

something already mentioned, known



Could your dad sell
the red car?

family names in plural



the Taylors

countries that have plural names



the United States of
America

deserts, some regions



the Gobi, the North
America

groups of islands



the Marshall Islands

groups of mountains



the Himalayas

rivers, seas, oceans



the Atlantic Ocean,
the Mississippi

groups, bands, orchestras, choirs



the Beatles, the
Cleveland Orchestra

*museums, cinemas,
theatres, hotels*



the Four Seasons
Hotel

unique things



the sun, the world, the
moon

unique people



the queen, the king,
the president

musical instruments



the accordion, the
guitar

ships



the Titanic, the Santa
Maria

directions



the north, the south,
the west, the east

*adjectives, to refer to
a group of people*



the rich, the French,
the elderly

ordinal numbers



the first, the second,
the third, the fourth

EXERCISES

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/grammar/articles-a-an-the>

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/grammar/a-an-the-articles>

<http://usefulelenglish.ru/grammar/articles-exercise-one>

<http://usefulelenglish.ru/grammar/articles-exercise-two>

<https://esl.writingexercises.co.uk/articles.php>

https://www.learn-english-today.com/lessons/lesson_contents/exercises/a-an-the_quiz1.html

http://a4esl.org/q/j/ck/ch3-a_an_nothing.html