

ARTICLES



WHAT IS ARTICLE?

An **article** is a word used to modify a noun, which is a person, place, object, or idea. Technically, an article is an **adjective**, which is any word that modifies a noun. Usually adjectives modify nouns through description, but articles are used instead to point out or refer to nouns.

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There are two different types of articles that we use in writing and conversation to point out or refer to a noun or group of nouns: definite and indefinite articles.

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- A, an--- Indefinite articles
- The--- Definite Article

Uses of 'an'

Before the words beginning with vowel sounds.

For e.g. an owl, an egg.

Uses of 'an'

Before words beginning with silent 'h'.

For e.g. an hour, an honourable man, an heir, an honest man.

Uses of 'an'

F, H, L, M, N, R, S, X are letters that are not vowels but begin with vowel sounds.

For e.g. 'M' has the sound of 'em'. So 'an' is used before the abbreviations beginning with vowels or these letters. For e.g. an MLA, an NCC officer, an X-ray, an SP etc.

Uses of 'a'

In the sense of one.

For e.g. He couldn't speak a word to save himself.

Uses of 'a'

- With 'one' (because one begins with sound of 'w').

For e.g. a one man show, a one rupee note.

Uses of 'a'

Before words beginning with
consonant sound.

For e.g. a boy, a box.

Uses of 'a'

With vowel letters having consonant value.

For e.g. a university, a unit, a European language. (all these begin with consonant sound of 'yu').

Uses of 'a'

With units and rates.

For e.g. He sold rice ten rupees a
kilo

Uses of 'a'

- In exclamatory expression before singular countable noun.

For e.g. What a pretty girl! For e.g.
How sunny a day!

Uses of 'a'

When two subjects or articles are thought of as a single unit.

For e.g. He was ready with a cup and saucer. For e.g. A cigarette is made up of a paper and tobacco.

Uses of 'a'

With certain expressions of quantity.

For e.g. a lot of, a dozen, a great deal of, a couple of

Uses of 'a'

With a person's name to indicate that the person is perhaps unknown to the person addressed.

For e.g. A Mr. Roy is at the door.

Uses of 'a'

With a special meal to celebrate something or in someone's honour.

For e.g. I called my friends to a lunch to celebrate my success. For e.g. A dinner was arranged to welcome the principal.

Uses of 'THE'

It is used when we speak of a particular person or thing already referred to.

- For e.g. The boy near the taps is my brother.

Uses of 'THE'

When a singular noun represents a whole class.

For e.g. The mango is considered the king among fruits.

Note: *The nouns 'man' and 'woman' do not take 'the' before them. For e.g. Man is the greatest of the God's creation.*

Uses of 'THE'

- With the names of:
- Gulfs: The Persian gulf
- Rivers: The Kaveri river
- Oceans: The Indian ocean
- Islands: The Andaman & Nicobar island
- Mountains: The Himalayas

Uses of 'THE'

- Certain books: the Vedas, the Puranas, the Bible etc
- Musical instruments: the flute, the violin, the tabla
- The inventions: the television, the radio

Uses of 'THE'

- **Parts of body.** For e.g. He was wounded in the leg. For e.g. They hit him on the head.
- **Religious groups:** the Sikhs, the Hindus

Uses of 'THE'

- Names enforcing law: the Police, the Navy, the Air Force
- Political parties: the BJP, The congress

Uses of 'THE'

- Aeroplanes, ships, trains etc: the jet airways, the titanic, the shatabdi express
- Before the names of an empire, dynasty or historical event: the Gupta dynasty, the old stone age, the first world war, the American revolution

Uses of 'THE'

- Clubs, foundations etc: the lion's club, the science foundation
- Before common nouns denoting unique things: the sun, the earth, the world

Uses of 'THE'

- **With superlatives**

For e.g. He is the best boy in the class. For e.g. Prizes would be given for the most outstanding performances.

Uses of 'THE'

- **With ordinals** (denoting a numerical order in a series)

For e.g. He took the first taxi that came his way. For e.g. Our class is on the second floor.

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