

Articles Usage Chart

Indefinite Articles

"A" and "An"

are used in front of singular countable nouns which are not specific.

If the noun starts with a vowel sound

the "a" comes before it. Example: a cat

If the noun starts with a consonant sound

"an" comes before it. Example: an egg

Definite Article

* **"The"** is used in front of all nouns (it doesn't matter whether the nouns are singular, plural, countable or uncountable) to describe someone or something specific or unique.

* Use **"The"** before superlative adjectives, family names, seas, rivers, oceans, etc.

* **"The"** is used before names of some countries.

* We use **"The"** before something or someone mentioned.

Examples:

the Earth	the best student
the sky	the USA
the weather	the UK
the Clintons	the Pacific Ocean

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No Articles

are used before uncountable nouns.

Examples:

Water

Ice

Before names.

Jones

Her

Front of towns, places, islands,

continents.

Examples: Washington

Home

Sardinia

Greece

Asia