

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 **consonant** sound, the article **"a"** comes before it. Example: a cat

If the noun starts with a **vowel** sound, the article **"an"** comes before it. Example: an egg

Definite Articles

- * **"The"** is used in front of all nouns (it does not matter whether the nouns are singular, plural, countable or uncountable) to describe someone or something specific or unique.
- * Use **"The"** before superlative adjectives, nationalities, family names, seas, rivers, oceans, etc.
- * **"The"** is used before names of some countries.
- * We use **"The"** before something or someone already mentioned.

Examples:

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

No Articles

- * **No Articles** before uncountable nouns.

Examples: sugar
water

- * **No Articles** before names.

Examples: Mr. Jones
Peter

- * **No Articles** in front of towns, places, islands, countries and continents.

Examples: Arlington
home
Sardinia
Greece
Asia