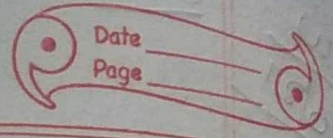


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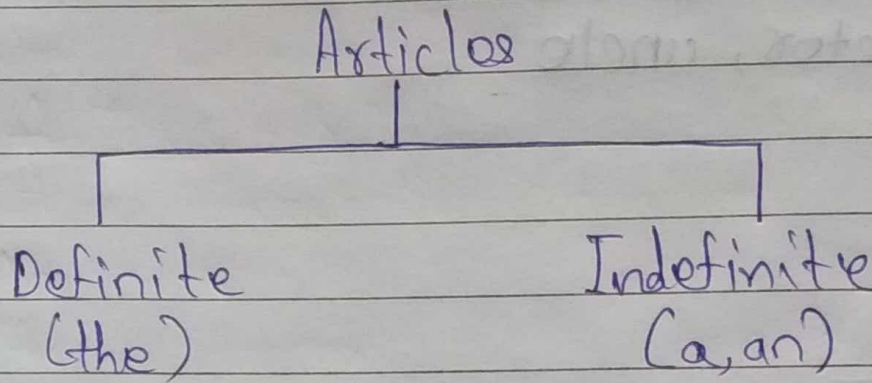
Articles



## Articles

The words a, an and the are called articles. They are used before nouns.

There are two types of Articles.



Definite- particular

Indefinite- no certainty, particularity

Ex- Give me a pencil.

Give me the pencil which is the longest

D- The boy in blue shirt is my brother.

ID- There is a boy standing outside.

We use an article before nouns.

## A and An

The choice between a and an is determined by sound. Before a word beginning with a vowel sound ~~and~~ an is used as,

an enemy, an ink pad, an orange, an umbrella, an hour, an honest man. An heir.

It will be noticed that the words hour, honest, heir begin with a vowel sound, as the initial

We use 'a' before a consonant sound.  
Ex - a bridge, a coconut, a company, a university, a uniform.

We use 'an' before a vowel sound.  
Ex - an exhibition, an ecological plan, an hour, an honest man.

(d) My sister has gone for \_\_\_\_\_ in interview  
to Mumbai. \_\_\_\_\_ inter

Indefinite articles (a/an) cannot be used with uncountable nouns.

Ex - The boy wants an ice cube. (✓)

The boy wants an ice. (✗)

Ex - I want a water. (✗)

I want some water. (✓)

The definite article the  
We use the definite article in front of a noun when we believe the listener/reader knows exactly what we are referring to.

- The pope is visiting Russia.
- The moon is very bright tonight.
- Who is the president of France?

2. We use 'the' before superlative adjectives or adverbs.

Ex - She is the tallest girl in our class.

3. We use 'the' before geographical areas and features.

Ex - The Aravali Hills, the Thar Desert, the Sunderbans, the Amazon, the East India

4. 'The' is used with names of countries that have words like kingdom, republic, states in their names.

Ex - The United States of America, the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands

5. With time expressions -

Ex - the evening, the sixties

6. We use 'the' before the names of books, epics

Ex - The Mahabharat, The Ramayan, The Quran

7. 'The' is also used before the government bodies, services, systems, or names of

organisations,

Ex - the Ministry of Defence, the Police, the United Nations

8. We use 'the' before names of trains, ships, musical instruments,

The Rajdhani Express, the Titanic, the guitar, the trumpet.

9. Before names of hotels, restaurants  
Ex - the Taj Hotel, the Mayfair Lagoon

10. We use 'the' with an entire group or class of people or animal, and people of a country

Ex - The Indians, the Americans, the  
The cow is a beautiful