

# USE OF ARTICLES

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# WHAT ARE ARTICLES?

- Articles are words that define a noun as specific or unspecific.

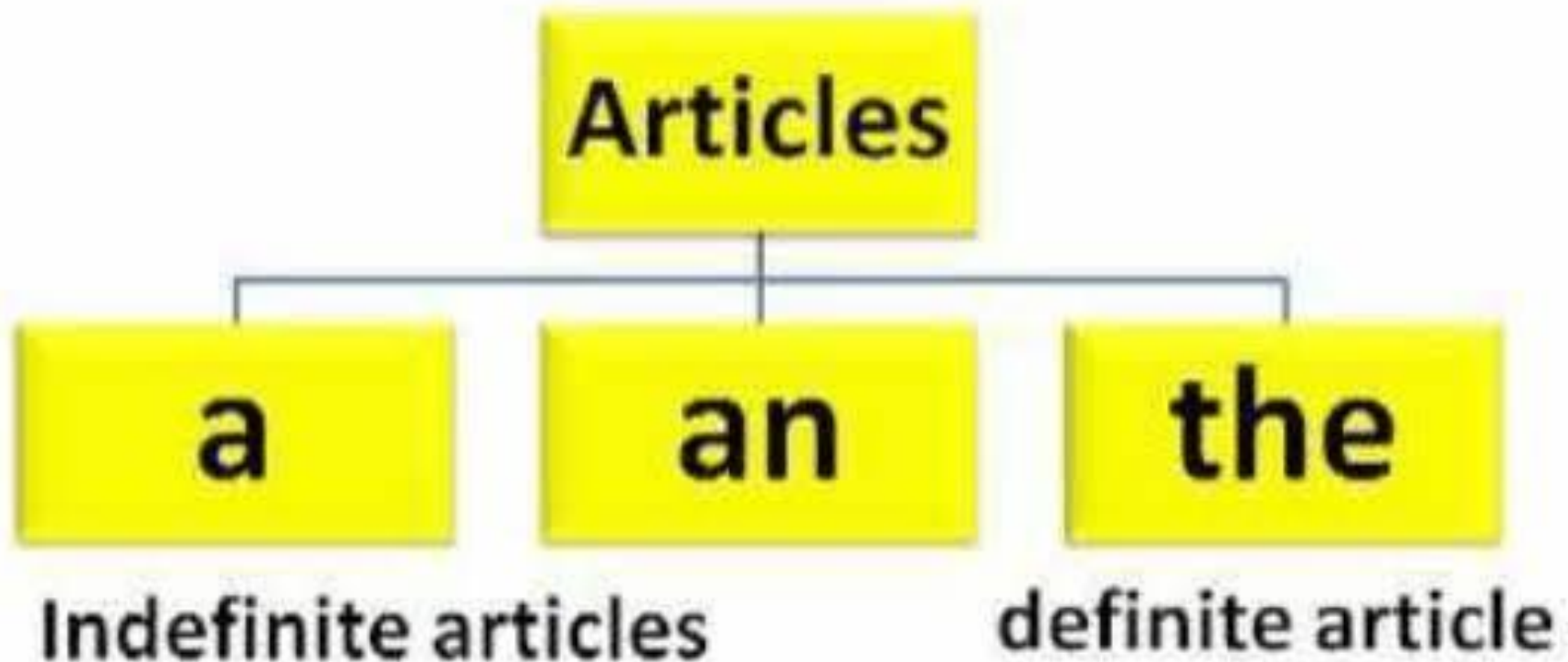


# NOTICE THE DIFFERENCES:

- The small shopkeeper is finding life increasingly difficult.
- A small shopkeeper is finding life increasingly difficult.



# TYPES OF ARTICLES



# DEFINITE ARTICLES VERSUS INDEFINITE ARTICLES

Definite Articles  
are used to  
indicate something  
specific

Can be used after  
introducing the noun  
or noun phrase

Can be used with  
singular and plural  
nouns

Used to discuss  
something that is  
already known by  
the reader/listener

Used with countable  
and uncountable  
nouns

Indefinite Articles  
are used to indicate  
something  
nonspecific

Can be used to  
introduce a noun  
or noun phrase

Can be used only  
with singular nouns

Cannot be used to  
discuss something  
that is already known  
by the reader/listener

Cannot be used  
with uncountable  
nouns



# LET'S SEE SOME EXAMPLES

- Give me the pen.
- Give me a pen.
- He was holding a pen, the pen was red.
- A meal for 25 people was cooked by my grandmother, the meal was delicious.
- Where is the story book I gave you yesterday?
- Where can I find a story book for children?
- I have a friend in Toronto.
- I have some friends in Toronto.
- He dived into the water. ✓
- He dived into a water. ✗



# USE OF INDEFINITE ARTICLES

## A or An

- Before **consonant sound** we use **A**
- Before **vowel sound** we use **An**





# General Examples

a book    a letter    a coat    a new idea

An address    an egg    an idea    an old man





Put in *a* or *an* :

\_\_\_ ticket

\_\_\_ afternoon

\_\_\_ bicycle

\_\_\_ airport

\_\_\_ shop

\_\_\_ holiday

\_\_\_ exercise

\_\_\_ day

\_\_\_ American

\_\_\_ student

\_\_\_ expensive car

\_\_\_ rich uncle

\_\_\_ early train

\_\_\_ easy job



# Difficult Cases

- \_\_\_\_\_ BA
- \_\_\_\_\_ MA
- \_\_\_\_\_ LLB
- \_\_\_\_\_ Law
- \_\_\_\_\_ MBBS
- \_\_\_\_\_ SMS



# Difficult Cases

- \_\_\_\_\_ university
  - \_\_\_\_\_ European man
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one-eyed man
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one-taka note.
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- University = you-niversity
  - One-eyed = won-eyed



# Difficult Cases

- \_\_\_\_\_ hotel
- \_\_\_\_\_ house
- \_\_\_\_\_ hour



# When to use?

- He is good.
- He is **a** good boy.

\* before 'adjective' we **don't use** articles.



# Fill in the Blanks

\* Put 'x' for no articles.

- He is \_\_\_\_\_ tall.
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ fast bowler.
- I am \_\_\_\_\_ painter.
- I am reading \_\_\_\_\_ book now.
- This is \_\_\_\_\_ good book.
- This book is \_\_\_\_\_ good.



## Put **a/an** or **'x'**

- Jake's father makes \_\_\_\_\_ films.
- I need \_\_\_\_\_ new bicycle.
- I never drink \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
- Jane is \_\_\_\_\_ old friend.
- Their house is made of \_\_\_\_\_ wood.
- I often listen to \_\_\_\_\_ music.
- My room has got \_\_\_\_\_ big window.
- That child wants \_\_\_\_\_ new shoes.





# WITH CERTAIN EXPRESSIONS OF QUANTITY

- A lot of
- A great deal of
- A couple of
- A dozen of
- A little
- A few
- A thousand
- Half a kilo
- Four times a day
- 60km an hour (here a/an=per)



# WHEN NOT TO USE A/AN

- Before plural nouns.
- Before uncountable nouns.



# EXERCISE

## 1. Complete this shopping list with *a/an*.

- ..... orange
- ..... bottle of wine
- ..... carton of milk
- ..... ice-cream
- ..... banana
- ..... small melon
- ..... hamburger
- ..... piece of ham
- ..... pizza
- ..... apple

## 2. Complete with *a/an*.

- |                        |                          |                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| ..... hour             | ..... ice-cream          | ..... school uniform |
| ..... accident         | ..... orange hat         | ..... egg            |
| ..... house            | ..... green apple        | ..... white egg      |
| ..... European country | ..... airport            | ..... umbrella       |
| ..... station          | ..... English university | ..... library        |

# EXERCISE

### 3. Complete the sentences with a/an.

Paul goes to university every day. In his backpack there is ..... book, ..... pencil case, ..... apple and ..... egg and mayonnaise sandwich. Some days he also buys ..... ice-cream for dessert.

Today he has ..... English exam. The exam is not very difficult. He writes ..... short story about ..... adventurer. The story begins like this: "It is ..... special day for Oliver. At ten o'clock in the morning he gets on ..... plane. His destination is Australia..."

### 4. Some of these phrases are wrong. Correct them.

a engineer

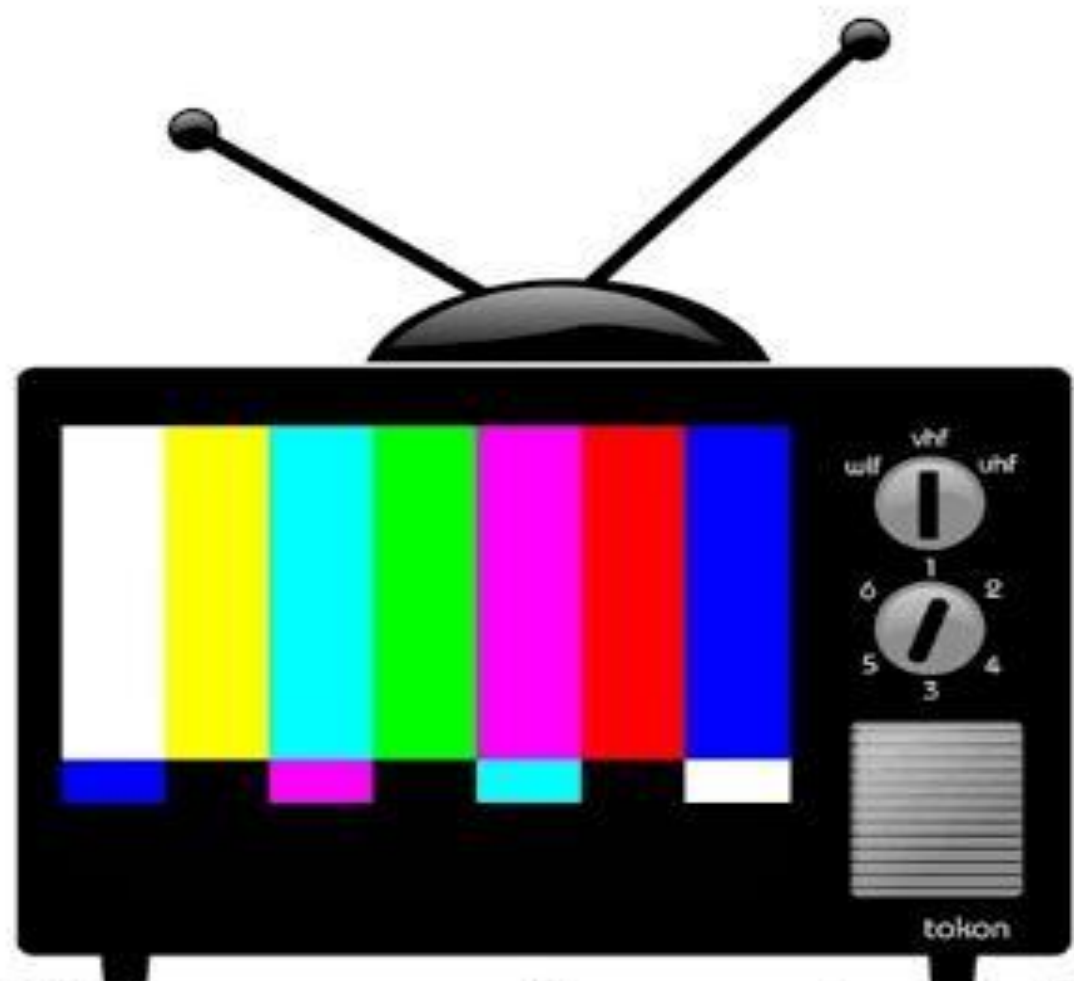
a house

a hour

an orange book

an expensive university

an uniform



that's ALL for today!