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## **Definite and Indefinite Articles**

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### ادوات النكرة والمعرفة

Definite and Indefinite Articles are a type of determiner used in the English Language to specify the noun they accompany .

The Definite article refer to a specific noun . The Definite article in English is " the " it is used when referring to a particular noun that already known or has been previously mentioned .

1- " the " is used with both countable and uncountable nouns . is used before singular and plural nouns . It is used when referring to a specific noun that the speaker and the listener are familiar with or have discussed before .

" the " is used before unique noun, such as names of oceans , rivers , mountains , and famous landmarks .

e.g- The specific ocean is the largest ocean in the world . ( referring to a specific ocean )

e.g -I climbed Mount Everest . ( referring a specific mountain )

" the " can also be used before certain

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e.g-The cat is sitting on the mat .( refer to a specific cat and specific mat )

e.g-I saw the movie last night . ( refer to a specific movie )

e.g The children are playing in the park .( refer to a specific children )

e.g- The water in the bottle is cold . (refer to a specific amount of water )

e.g the girl → the girls

e.g –the sugar / the milk / the money

**\*When superlative or ordinal numbers are used before a noun , the definite article " the " is typically used .**

e.g – She is the tallest girls in the class .

e.g-He is the first person to arrive .

**\*Use in specific contexts**

**Certain expressions and contexts have specific article usage**

e.g –In the morning . ( referring to a specific time of day )

e.g – At the weekend .( referring to a specific time period )

**\* The indefinite article refers to a non-specific noun . The indefinite article in English are " a" and " an " . They are used when referring to a non-specific noun or when introducing a noun for the first time . They are used in front of singular countable noun .**

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**The indefinites article are not used with unique nouns**

**2- " A" is used before words that begin with a consonant sound . It is used with only with singular countable nouns .**

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e.g-I saw a car parked outside .

e.g – She has a pen .

### 3- " An " is used before words that begin with a vowel sound .

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e.g- She is an excellent singer . ( referring to specific singer )

e.g-I need an umbrella . ( referring to specific umbrella )

### \*Omission of articles

Articles are not used with proper nouns ( names of people , places , etc .)

e.g-John is my friend . ( no article before the proper noun " John " )

e.g-London is a beautiful city .( refer to a specific refer to a specific noun " London " )

Articles are not used with plural nouns or non-countable nouns when refer to a specific referring to them in a general sense .

e.g-Dog are loyal animals . ( no article before the plural noun )

Articles are also omitted in some fixed expressions .

e.g – " By day " . ( no article before " day " )

e.g –" in bed " .( no article before " bed " )

### **\*Zero Article**

**In some cases , no article is used before a noun .This can occur with certain types of nouns , such as abstract nouns , languages , meals , and sports .**

**e.g-Love is universal language . ( no article before the abstract noun " love " )**

**e.g-I speak English . ( no article before the language " English " )**

**It is important to note that there are exceptions and special cases when it comes to articles in English .Additionally , the usage of articles can be influenced by regional or dialect variations . To strengthen your understanding and usage of articles , it's helpful to read and listen to English in various contexts and engage in regular practice .**

