



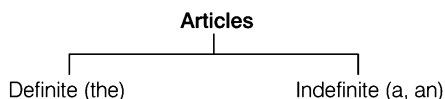
Article

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

e.g. After the long day, a cup of tea tasted particularly good.

She is an honest girl.

Types of Article



Definite Article 'The' is the definite article. It limits the meaning of a noun to a particular thing or a specific person.

e.g. Please give me the hammer.

He is the boy, who won the match.

Uses of 'The'

Following are the common rules of using definite article 'the'

1. 'The' is used before a particular or specific person, place or thing.
e.g. Let us go to the club.
This is the boy who won last match.
2. 'The' is used before the political parties, armed forces, dynasties, empires, wars, revolution, centuries.
e.g. The Congress party, The BJP
The army, The police, The Gupta dynasty,
The British empire etc

3. 'The' is used before name of directions and dates of months.

e.g. The Sun rises in the East.

I got my dream job on the 1st of January.

4. 'The' is used before name of rivers, seas, canals, oceans, deserts and of mountain ranges.

e.g. The Atlantic ocean, The Ganges,
The Himalayas, The Alps etc

5. It is used before cups and trophies and before a unit of measurement.

e.g. Indian won the World Cup in 2011.

Cloth is sold by the metre.

6. 'The' is used before the name of musical instruments, inventions and before names of parts of body.

e.g. Shiva plays the Guitar.

Who invented the telephone?

He was hit by the rod in the head.

7. Before proper noun for the sake of comparison.

e.g. Surdas is the Milton of India.

Kalidas is the Shakespeare of India.

8. 'The' is used before a whole class and before castes and communities.

e.g. The cow is a pet animal.

The Rajputs are brave people.

9. 'The' is used before name of newspapers, holy books, famous buildings, ships, historical events.

e.g. He read the Hindustan newspaper.

The Ramayana is a famous book.

10. 'The' is used before superlative degrees of an adjective.

e.g. She is the best girl in my class.

Kashmir is the most beautiful state of India.

Indefinite Article (A, An)

'A' and 'An' are known as 'indefinite articles' because both are used to point which the nouns are not specific.

e.g. A man, an organisation, an egg.

Uses of 'A'

1. 'A' is used before words beginning with consonants.
e.g. a news, a patient, a cup.
2. 'A' is used before the words which begin with a vowel, but have a sound of a consonant.
e.g. A university, A European.
3. Before certain phrases and denoting numbers.
e.g. In a hurry, A pity
A hundred, A dozen
4. In exclamations with 'what' or 'how' before singular countable noun.
e.g. What a hot day!
What a pretty girl!

Uses of 'An'

1. 'An' is used with words that begin with a vowels i.e. (a, e, i, o, u).
e.g. an apple, an egg, an umbrella.
2. 'An' is used before words beginning with consonants having vowel sounds.
e.g. An FIR, An M.Sc.
3. Used with a mute 'h' or silent 'h'.
e.g. An hour, An honest man
An honorary post, An heir

Omission of Articles

1. We should not use 'the' before proper nouns.
e.g. Kolkata, Rashmi, Sunday etc.

Exception

Here are some exceptions of this rule like we say The Punjab, The USA, The Deccan (group of states).

2. We should not use 'the' before subjects and arts.
e.g. I don't like dancing.
I am reading book of Hindi.
3. When we use abstract nouns in general sense, we omit 'the'.
e.g. Honesty is the best policy.
Health is wealth.



Practice Exercise

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-20) *Fill in the blanks with the correct articles from the options.*

1. You will have to wait for hour.
(a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) No article
2. We should have filed FIR against the wrong doers.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) No article
3. He is wearing new uniform.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) No article
4. What car it is!
(a) an (b) the
(c) a (d) No article
5. water of this river is very pure.
(a) The (b) An
(c) A (d) No article
6. Ramesh earns ₹ 10000 month.
(a) a (b) No article
(c) an (d) the
7. Yesterday old man came my home.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) No article
8. experience is the best teacher.
(a) A (b) An
(c) The (d) No article
9. This year I will see Redfort.
(a) a (b) the
(c) an (d) No article
10. His mother reads Ramayana daily.
(a) the (b) No article
(c) an (d) a
11. The furniture is made of wood.
(a) the (b) an
(c) a (d) No article
12. I have an uncle who is engineer.
(a) the (b) an
(c) a (d) No article
13. Last year we would go for walk daily.
(a) a (b) No article
(c) the (d) an
14. boy standing behind the tree, is my cousin.
(a) the (b) a
(c) an (d) No article
15. We should help poor.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) No article
16. first five chapters will come in the exam.
(a) a (b) the
(c) an (d) No article
17. She has got headache.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) No article
18. Mohan was strongest player in our team.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) No article
19. They took admission in this college in April.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) No article
20. He has great knowledge.
(a) an
(b) a
(c) the
(d) No article

Answers

1	(a)	2	(b)	3	(a)	4	(c)	5	(a)	6	(a)	7	(b)	8	(d)	9	(b)	10	(a)
11	(d)	12	(b)	13	(a)	14	(a)	15	(c)	16	(b)	17	(a)	18	(c)	19	(d)	20	(b)