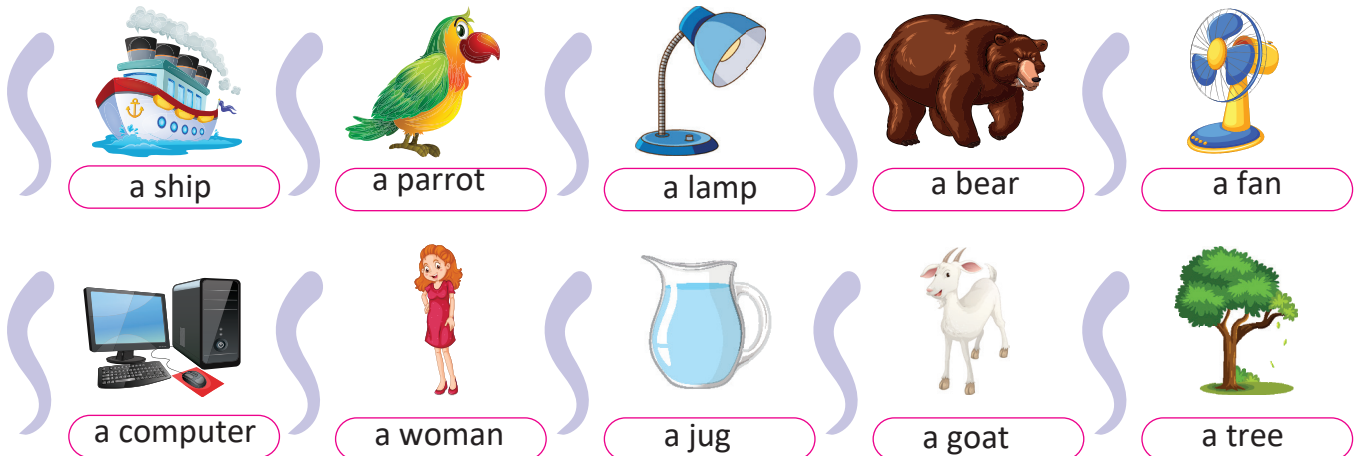


Usage of A/An/The

Use of Indefinite Article 'a (or an)'

- We use indefinite article 'a' before those words that begin with a **consonant sound**



- We use indefinite article 'an' before those words that begin with a vowel **sound** or a **silent 'h'**.



- When saying abbreviations, we use **a** or **an** according to how the first letter is said as, an FM radio (here, **F** is a consonant, but begins with the vowel sound /e/.)
- We use **a** (or **an**) only before singular countable nouns; as,

a chair ☒

a chairs ☐

a law ☒

a laws ☐

- We also use the indefinite article in the sense of 'one', as,
Be quite for a moment. (= one moment) He spoke
for an hour. (= one hour)

Use of Definite Article 'the'

'The' is used:

- with the nouns denoting definite or particular people or things.
They have climbed the mountain.
- with the superlative degree of an adjective.
The worst The deepest
- with the names of rivers, gulfs, oceans and seas.
The Nile The Indian Ocean
The Red Sea The Persian Gulf
- with the names of mountain ranges.
The Himalayas The Alps The Andes
- with the names of historical monuments.
The Taj Mahal The Hawa Mahal
- with the names of certain books.
The Bible The Ramayana
- With the names of things unique of their kind.
The Universe The Sun

Always Remember

Indefinite article a (or an) is used when something is mentioned for the first time.
We use definite article 'the' if it is mentioned again.

- I fed a stray dog. The dog was very hungry.