



A, An, The

Learning Objectives

Understand when and how to use a, an, and the. Identify the difference between vowel and consonant sounds. Learn article usage rules in common sentences.

Alphabet and Vowels

- There are 26 letters in the English alphabet.
- **5 Vowels:** a, e, i, o, u
- **21 Consonants:** All other letters

Articles: A and An

Use of “a”: Used before words that begin with a consonant sound. Used with singular countable nouns.

Examples:

- a book
- a cat
- a hat
- a pen

Use of “an”: Used before words that begin with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u). Also used when the first letter is silent but the second produces a vowel sound.

Examples:

- an apple
- an eye
- an hour
- an umbrella
- an honest man

Article: The

Use of “the”: Used when talking about a particular person, place, animal, or thing. Used for unique things that are only one in the world.

Examples:

- The sun
- The Earth
- The Ramayana
- The moon
- The Ganga

Example Sentences:

- I have a bicycle. The bicycle is red.
- My friend gave me a pen. The pen is blue.



Rules Summary

Article	Used Before	Example
a	Consonant sounds	a cat, a kite, a pen
an	Vowel sounds	an ant, an umbrella, an eye
the	Specific/unique nouns	the moon, the Gita, the sun

Spot the Error

- **Incorrect:** I have pen.
- **Correct:** I have a pen.

Points to Remember

- Use “a” before consonant sounds.
 - Use “an” before vowel sounds.
 - Use “a/an” for singular, general nouns.
 - Use “the” for specific or unique nouns
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