



Hi, I am EeeBee



Articles : A, An, The

Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the use of definite and indefinite articles (a, an, the).
- They will learn the rules for using articles correctly with nouns.
- They will identify when to use "a", "an", or "the" in sentences.



Lead in

Read this conversation between Kajal and her friend Rani.

Kajal : Rani! You know, today we went for shopping with Baba and Maa. Look here! what we have bought.

Rani : Oh really! Show me Kajal!

Kajal : They got a frock for me! Baba bought a saree for Maa. Abhishek got a video game. Baba also bought him a camera and T-shirt.

Rani : Wow! such nice gift. Next time get me a gift too!

Now, answer the following questions using **a**, **an** or **the** before the words.

1. What did Kajal's parents buy for her?

2. What did they get for Maa?

3. What did her Baba buy for her mother?

Vowels and Consonants

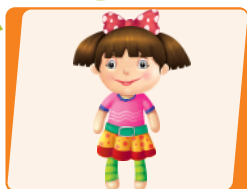
We know that there are 26 letters in the English Alphabet.

Of these (a, e, i, o and u) are called **vowels**. The rest are **consonants**.

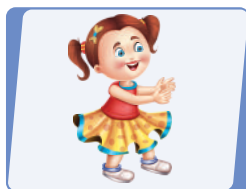
Use of A

A suggests any one person or thing. It is used before words beginning with a **consonant sound**.

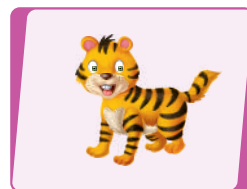




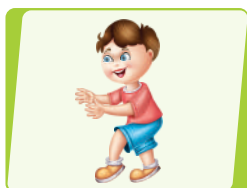
a doll



a girl



a cat



a boy



a pen



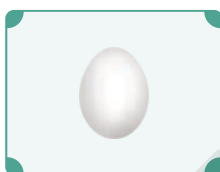
a book

Use of An

An is used before words beginning with a **vowel sound**.



an umbrella



an egg



an onion



an engine



an apple



an elephant

We also write an ice cream, an ant, an owl, an ox, an artist, an aeroplane, an hour, an honest person, etc.



Grammar Byte

⦿ A or An is used for any one person or thing:

A - before a **consonant sound**

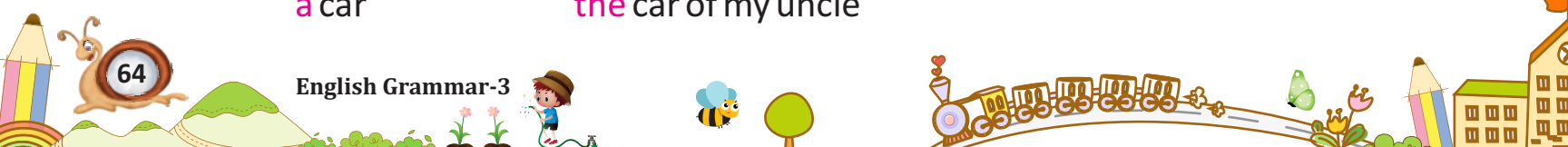
An - before a **vowel sound**

Use of The

While talking of any one person or thing, we use **a** or **an**. But when we talk of (a) definite/specific person (s) or thing (s) we use the article '**the**'.

a car

the car of my uncle





Grammar Byte

⦿ *The* is used for (a) definite/specific person(s) or thing (s).

⦿ We use **the** with the special names of places, rivers, mountain ranges, books, etc.



the Gita



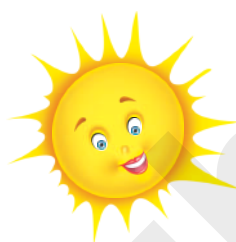
the Red Fort



the Ganga



the earth



the sun



the moon



Grammar Byte

⦿ When **the** comes before a word starting with a vowel, it is pronounced as 'the' (rhymes with 'she').

the apple, the orange

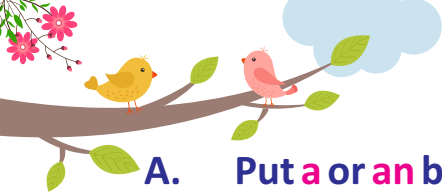


Spot the Error

If the first letter of a word is silent and the second letter produces a vowel sound, then we use *an* before it.

- ⦿ *an hour*
- ⦿ *a hour*
- ⦿ *an honest man*
- ⦿ *a honest man*





A. Put a or an before the following words.

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|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. _____ bus | 2. _____ pen | 3. _____ ball |
| 4. _____ umbrella | 5. _____ bench | 6. _____ cat |
| 7. _____ mango | 8. _____ arrow | 9. _____ owl |
| 10. _____ car | 11. _____ onion | 12. _____ box |

B. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.

- _____ subject I like the most in English.
- I waited for over _____ hour for Rekha.
- _____ motto of our country is 'Truth Alone Triumphs'.
- Suman went to the shop to buy _____ pencil.
- Can you tell me _____ time?
- Seema is _____ good girl.



Skills/Level
READING/A1



Skills/Level
LISTENING/A1



C. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the to complete the conversation.

Vishal : Papa, I want to buy _____ bird, please.

Father : Do you want _____ small bird or one of _____ singing birds.

Vishal : Oh. Papa! I want to buy _____ singing bird that one with _____ blue colour.

Shopkeeper : Sorry sir, _____ coloured bird is already sold.

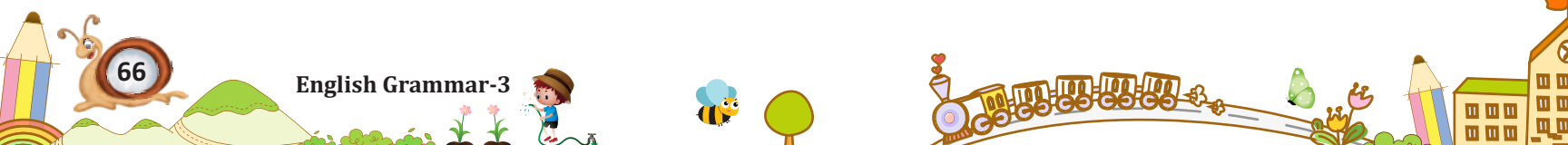
Vishal : Then I want _____ green and red one in cage on your left.

Shopkeeper : Certainly, you can have that one. It is _____ very good singing bird.



Points to Remember

- ◉ We use **a** before a consonant sound.
- ◉ We use **an** before a vowel sound.
- ◉ We use **the** before (a) definite persons or things.





My Activity Corner



Skills/Level
WRITING/A1



Complete the paragraph using the correct articles.

One day _____ crow sat on

_____ branch of _____ tree.

_____ fox saw him. He wanted to eat

_____ crow. So he told _____ crow, 'What _____ lovely

voice you have! Come closer to me and sing to me. According to _____ new

rule of _____ jungle, I can't eat you.' But _____ crow was very clever.

It knew what _____ fox wanted. So _____ crow gave _____

witty reply. 'Good!' he said. _____ bear is coming this way. But you need not

fear because he won't hurt you.' _____ fox was so frightened that he ran

away.



My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

WRITE YOUR SCORE

Practice your LSRW Skills



on Communication Lab

