



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

Here is a short story of "**The Rabbit and the Tortoise**."
Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles a, an or the.



Skills/Level
WRITING/A2



One day _____ tortoise asked _____ rabbit to run _____ race with him. _____ rabbit laughed at _____ idea. He called _____ tortoise _____ fool to challenge _____ excellent runner like him. But he agreed at last. Soon after _____ race started, the rabbit was far ahead. So, he thought of _____ idea. He decided to take _____ nap under _____ tree. On seeing this, the tortoise made _____ extra effort and reached _____ end point. When _____ rabbit woke up, it was too late.



Articles

In English Grammar, there are three articles—**a**, **an** and **the**.

Kinds of Articles

Articles are of two kinds—Indefinite article and Definite article.

- **Indefinite Article : A** and **an** are indefinite articles.
- **Definite Article : The** is definite article.

Use of Indefinite Articles A or An

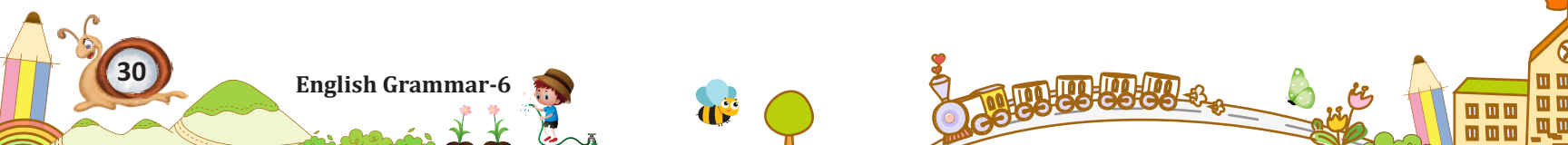
- **A** is used :
 - ⦿ **Before a word beginning with a consonant**
Examples : a dog, a tree, a fish
 - ⦿ **Before a word beginning with a vowel which has a consonant sound**
Examples : a European, a university, a unicorn
- **An** is used :
 - ⦿ **Before words beginning with a vowel**
Examples : an egg, an umpire, an elephant, etc.
 - ⦿ **Before words beginning with a silent 'h'**
Examples : an hour, an honest man, etc.
 - ⦿ **Before abbreviations that begin with consonant but give a vowel sound**
Examples : an M.P., an M.L.A., etc.

A. Fill in the blanks using articles **a** or **an**.

1. Tina bought _____ frock.
2. We played _____ friendly match.
3. Yesterday I met _____ European playing with _____ elephant.
4. Can I ask _____ question?
5. Madhu wants to be _____ journalist.
6. Raj works in _____ factory.
7. Canada is _____ very big country.
8. His uncle is _____ MLA.
9. I have got _____ headache.
10. They live in _____ apartment.



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B. Tick (✓) the correct option.



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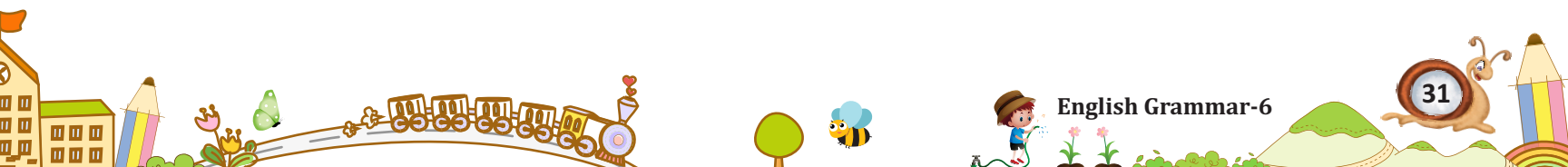
1. We saw _____ alligator at the zoo.
(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐
2. Aman wants to buy _____ new car.
(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐
3. She wants to be _____ astronaut.
(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐
4. Rani has _____ umbrella in her bag.
(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐

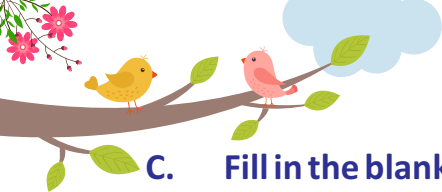
Use of Definite Article 'The'



We use the definite article the :

- **When we refer to a particular person or a thing**
Examples : Nisha ate an apple.
She washed the apple.
- **Before a singular noun indicating a whole class**
Examples : The rich should not exploit the poor.
(rich in general; poor in general)
- **Before nouns that are names of things unique to their kind**
Examples : The Earth, The Sun, The Moon
- **Before the superlative**
Examples : the biggest, the greatest, the most beautiful
- **Before the directions**
Examples : the east, the west
- **Before the names of holy books**
Examples : the Gita, the Quran, the Bible
- **Before the names of newspapers**
Examples : The Times of India, The Assam Tribune
- **Before the names of seas, rivers and oceans**
Examples : the Arabian sea, the Ganga, the Indian Ocean
- **Before the names of mountain ranges**
Examples : the Himalayas, the Alps
- **Before the names of groups of islands**
Examples : the Andamans, the Lakshadweep islands





C. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

1. He gave me _____ gift on my birthday.
2. _____ Moon shines at night.
3. _____ Indian Ocean is named after a country.
4. There is _____ ice cream truck outside.
5. We visited _____ famous monument in the city.
6. _____ Apple a day keeps _____ doctor away.
7. _____ Sun is shining in _____ sky.
8. He is reading _____ interesting book.
9. She is _____ tallest girl in the class.



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Omission of the Article

We do not use articles :

- ⦿ Before proper nouns

Examples : Rajasthan, India, Sourav, Mount Everest

- ⦿ We use **the** before proper nouns when they take the place of common nouns.

Examples : 1. Kalidas is the Shakespear of India.
2. Ahmedabad is the Manchester of India.

D. Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. _____ Ganges fall into the Bay of Bengal.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

2. _____ Aman is an honest boy.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

3. Dispur is the capital of _____ Assam.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

4. I saw _____ blind man crossing a road.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

5. Rajasthan is _____ biggest state in India.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

6. _____ Indian Ocean is named after a country.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

7. The king and queen lived in _____ old castle.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

8. Nisha gave me _____ pen.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐



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9. This is a school for _____ blind.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐

10. _____ Kolkata is a big city.

(a) a ☐ (b) an ☐ (c) the ☐ (d) none ☐



Points to Remember

- Articles are of two types : Definite articles and indefinite articles.
- A** and **an** are indefinite articles whereas **the** is definite article.
- A** is used before a word beginning with a consonant sound.
- An** is used before a word beginning with a vowel sound.
- We use **the** to refer to a particular person or a thing.
- We use **the** before a singular noun indicating a whole class.
- We use **the** before superlatives.
- We use **the** before newspapers, rivers, holy books, directions, seas, rivers, names of mountain ranges and names of group of islands.



My Activity Corner



Skills/Level
WRITING & LISTENING/A2



Fill in the blanks with **a**, **an** or **the**. Put (×) where no article is needed.

- Rishabh Pant is _____ Indian cricketer. He plays for _____ Delhi Capitals in _____ IPL.
- Juli wants to become _____ IPS officer like her father when she grows up.
- _____ Ganga, _____ Saraswati and _____ Yamuna meet at the Triveni Sangam in _____ Prayagraj.
- _____ Andamans are _____ group of _____ islands in _____ Bay of Bengal.
- I like playing _____ cricket with my friends.



My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

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