

- A, an and the are called articles
- A and an mean one.
- L. A boy is buying a book from a book-seller.

We use a before words beginning with consonant sounds.

2. An apple, an orange and an egg are lying near an empty box.

We use **an** before words beginning with *vowel* sounds.

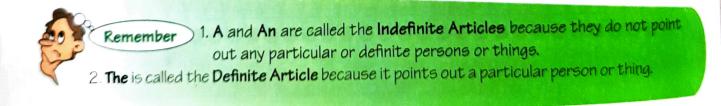
3. The handle of the broken jar is lying on the floor.

We use the when we mean a particular person or thing.

In sentence I, we have used a with singular nouns beginning with a consonant sound, e.g., a book, a cat, a useful animal, a one-rupee note. The 'u' in useful is pronounced as yoo (a consonant sound) and 'o' in 'one' is pronounced as w in won (consonant sound).

In sentence 2, we have used an with words which begin with a vowel sound or silent 'h' e.g., an owl, an hour, an honest man. Hour is pronounced as our and honest as onest.

In sentence 3, we have used the before particular nouns.



Note:

- 1. Articles A, An and The work as Demonstrative Adjectives
- 2. No article is used before Proper Nouns:

Mumbai is a big city.

Ashok was a great king.

3. The is used before the names of rivers, oceans, certain group of people or races, mountain ranges, famous buildings, holy books and



unique objects:

The Ganga, the Yamuna, the Nile.

The Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Bay of Bengal.

The Hindus, the Muslims, the Christians.

The Himalayas, the Alps.

The Taj Mahal, the Red Fort, the Meenakshi Temple.

The Gita, the Ramayana, the Bible.

The Earth, the Moon, the Sun, the Sky, the World.

4. The is used with both singular and plural nouns: The bag is stolen.

The stolen bags are lying outside.

- 5. A and An are used only for singular nouns and are dropped when nouns are turned into plural.
 - a. An umbrella is a useful thing. (*Singular*) Umbrellas are useful things. (*Plural*)
 - b. A doctor is a helpful person. (Singular) Doctors are helpful persons. (Plural)

EXERCISES



- I. I met angry man.
- 3. The Quran is ... A holy book of the Muslims.
- 4. An apple 12 day keeps the doctor away.
- 6. The Ganges rises in ... The Himalayas.



7. The Taj is the finest tomb in the world.

8. ...A...... thief entereda...... jeweller's shop from <u>the</u> back-door. He broke <u>....the</u> lock and stole <u>....a</u> ring studded with <u>....the</u> diamond.

Complete the following sentences by using articles, wherever necessary.

- I. She gave me banana and .a.m... orange.
- 2. Agra is on .The. bank of river Yamuna.
- 3. She bought ...a... book, ...a... pen and ...a... eraser.
- 4. The. Moon shines at night and the Sun during day.
- 5. European speaks English.
- 6. Satish is . M.n... honest man.
- 7. I have given him ... Ar... one-rupee coin.
- 8. There is university in the city.
- 9. .T.W. Nile is the longest river in ... the world.
- 10. I saw aeroplane there.

Complete the following dialogues using 'a', 'an' or 'the'.

I. Aryan: What should I buy for Sonu on her birthday?

Mother: Buy her useful gift like book.

Aryan: I can get her .a.m. imported book. I know .a.m. American who sells imported books.

Mother: What are you doing Reena?
Reena: Mother, I am in kitchen. I am making cup of tea.

Mother: Can I have ... glass of water? I am very thirsty.

