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# ARTICLE

Article is itself a kind of adjective which is used before a noun to make it definite or indefinite

(1) Definite article - The

- द - Consonant sound  
ex - The (द) boy
- ए - Vocal sound  
ex - The (ए) apple

(2) Indefinite article - A

- a
  - ए - 1%
  - अ - 90%
- an
  - एन - 10%
  - अन - 90%

## Theory

learn with rhyme - No signal no train  
→ No noun No article

## Position of article

(i) Article + Noun

article a

- boy
- Pen
- Fan

## Sound

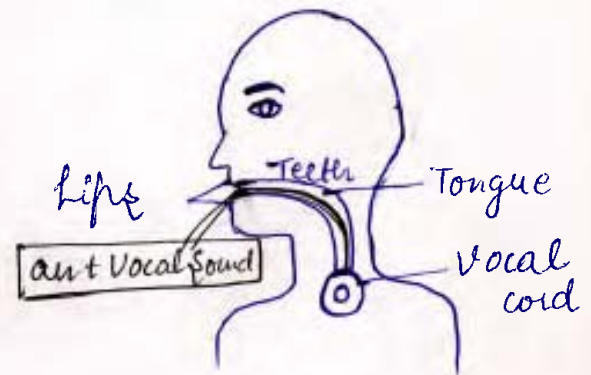
letter that comes from

Lips + teeth + tongue + body

a + Consonant sound

ex - a

- Boy
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E — elephant - vocal sound - an elephant  
E — European - sound comes from hips - a European

U — Umbrella - vocal sound - an Umbrella  
U — University - sound comes from lips - a university

O — Organ - vocal sound - an organ  
O — One eyed men - lips sound - a one eyed men

H — hour - vocal sound - an hour  
H — horse - lips sound - a horse

'w/y'

Note if a word starts with the help of w or y it takes the article only 'a'

a > year  
an

'a/s'

Note. if a word starts with the help of a/s it takes the article only 'an'

ex an < Ink pot  
Apple

①

For  
Article + Adjective + Noun

example

- (1) Lata is an honest (X)
  - (2) Lata is honest (X)
  - (3) Lata is an honest girl (✓)
- Article
Adj
Noun

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For  
Article + Adverb + Adjective + Noun

For the noun

ex Lata is a very good girl.

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Noun

100%

Article taking noun  
(ATN)

↓

Singular countable noun

SCN

for ex - a Boy

90%

non article taking noun  
(non ATN)

↓

Plural countable noun

ex a boys (X)

⇒ material noun

ex a water (X)

⇒ Abstract noun

ex A air (X)

⇒ Proper noun

ex A Ram (X)

⇒ Uncountable noun

ex A Milk

30%  
they work  
&  
10%

# Basic uses of a/an

Rule 1: Article 'a' is used before singular countable nouns which has consonant sound.

ex

a  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{boy} \\ \text{Pen} \\ \text{Fan} \end{array} \right.$

Rule 2: Article 'an' is used before singular countable nouns has vowel sound

An + SCM (having v.s)

an  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ash} \\ \text{Apple} \end{array} \right.$

Rule 3: Article 'a and an' is used before singular countable nouns having consonant & vowel sound

A/an + SCM (having cs/vs)

Rule 4: Not a/an + PCN

a Boys (X)

Rule 5: Not a/an + Unountable

a water (X)

Test Your Knowledge.

(1) I am not wealthy / so I can't afford / to buy <sup>an</sup> a / expensive car / no errors

(2) He had no illusion of / being either a distinguished

1. writer or a editor / no errors.

(3) A children / are / naughty / no error

(4) A gold / is a / costly metal / no error

Rule 6. Article 'a/an' is used before the name of person if no nothing about the person.

Rule 7 Article 'a/an' is used before the name of profession



ex The teacher is teaching  
He is a teacher

Rule 8. ex. (i) I am in dilemma (X)  
(ii) I am in a dilemma (✓)

### Some Particular idioms and phrases

- (i) In a hurry
- (ii) In a dilemma
- (iii) In a rage
- (iv) In a mood
- (v) In a temper
- (vi) At a loss



## Technique.

(i) Have + a/an + Noun

ex (i) Have a swim  
have a drink  
have a bath

(ii) Take + a/an + N

→ Take an exercise  
→ Take a rest  
→ Take a risk  
→ Make a risk  
→ Make a mistake etc

Rule 9. Such / what / how + a/an + N

(i) Such a boy

(ii) what an idea

(iii) how an ugly seen

Imp.  
Rule 10

• यदि किसी व्यक्ति का नाम किसी खास व्यक्ति के साथ comment के रूप में जोड़ा जाए तो article a/an का use करते हैं।

• यदि किसी खास व्यक्ति का नाम खास व्यक्ति के साथ जोड़ा जाए तो article 'the' is used

ex He is a Gandhi

Kalidas is the Shakespeare of India

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## Uses of 'the'

Rule 1 ⇒ Article 'the' is used before singular countable table noun

example: The teacher is teaching

Rule 2 ⇒ Normally not 'The' + PCN - (Plural countable noun)  
90%

example: (i) The teachers are teaching (X)

(ii) teachers are teaching (✓)

Note: Article 'The' may be used before Plural countable noun when we have to refer to particularity.

(i) The dog barks at night (✓)

(ii) ~~The~~ dogs bark at night (X) → It is usual case not particular 90%  
so 'The' will not use

(iii) The dogs don't bark at night (✓) → it is a particular case  
10% dogs not bark at night

(iv) The dogs of Meelima are black (✓) particular case

(v) The boys are making a noise (✓) particular case

(vi) The children are naughty (X) all children are naughty so usual case

(vii) The children are playing on the bed (✓)

bed primary work is sleep not playing so this case show particularity of playing so use of 'The'

Rule 3 ⇒ Normally not 'The' + Uncountable noun

90%

Note: Article 'The' may be used before an uncountable noun only in order to refer to particularity.

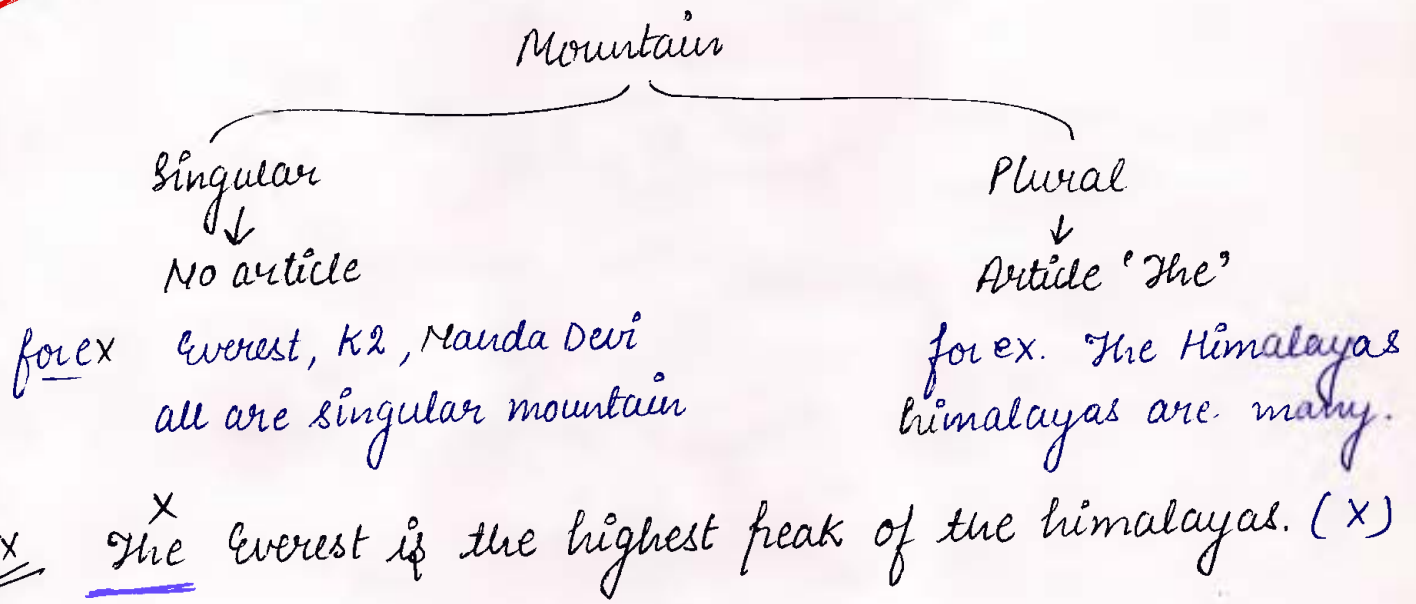
- example.
- (i) The milk is white (X)  
(milk is always white so it is usual case not particular)
  - (ii) The milk is hot don't drink it (✓)  
(milk shows the particularity of being hot. so use 'The')
  - (iii) The beauty is thing a joy forever (X)  
(beauty is thing a joy it is usual case no use of 'The')
  - (iv) The beauty of Kashmir is praise worthy (✓)  
(beauty shows the particularity of Kashmir so use of 'The')
  - (v) The coal is needed for kitchen (X)  
(coal is needed for kitchen for cooking so it is a usual case)
  - (vi) The coal of 'Tharsa' has its own importance (✓)  
(Coal shows particularity of 'Tharsa')

Rule 4 when a noun appears for the first time in a sentence Article 'a/an' is used. and the noun is going to be repeated article 'the' is used.

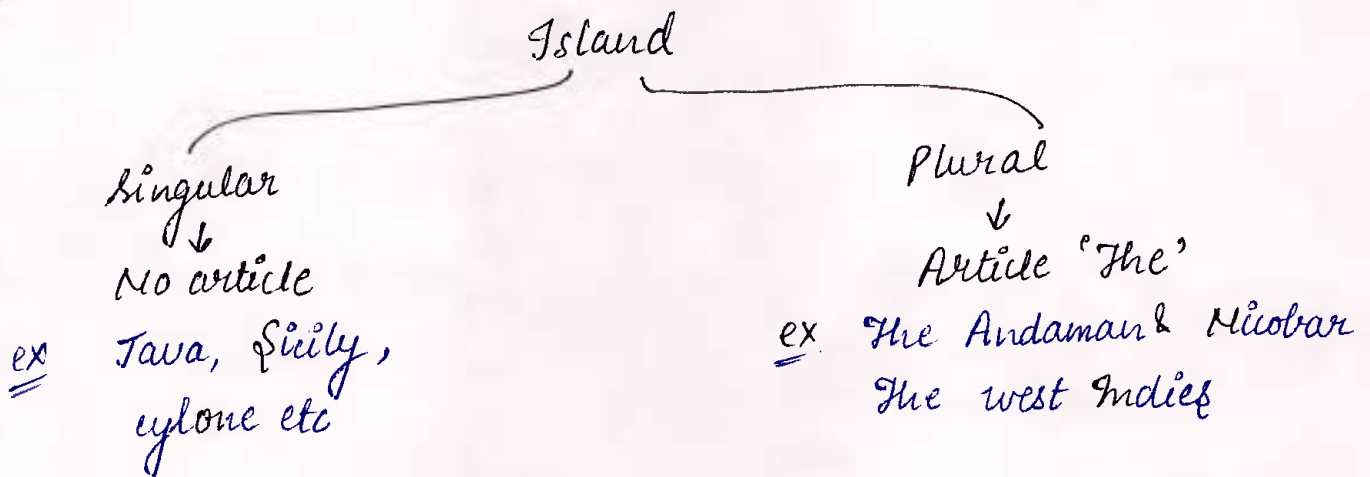
- ex (i) There lived a king in the forest. The king was very old and wise
- (ii) A boy comes to meet you. The boy is wearing a red jacket.



Rule 5: Article 'The' is used before the name of mountain



Rule 6: Article 'The' is used before the name of island



Rule 7: 'The' is used before the name of newspaper / rivers / forests / deserts / seas / oceans / name of canals / name of directions - before superlative degree - name of Religious Book - Historical buildings / political parties / Empire / Dynasty / ships / Trains / Aeroplanes / Musical Instruments / Historical events / Museums / Libraries / hostels / Restaurants / Cinema Halls / Bay / Gulf / etc...

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Rule 8: 'The' is used before armed forces / govt branches

ex the police, the army, the Navy, the Airforce, the executive, the legislative, the Judiciary

⇒ यदि 1:2 में तुलना करते हुए (Comparison + Selection) का भाव दिखाया जाए तो Comparative form से पहले 'the' लगाते हैं और than के बदले 'if' लगाते हैं।

ex 1) Ram is smarter than Mohan and Sohan (X)

2) Ram is the smarter than Mohan and Sohan (X)

3) Ram is the smarter of Mohan and Sohan (✓)

4) He is better of the two boys (X)

5) He is the better of the two boys (✓)

⇒ "जितना और उतना का भाव दिखाना ही तो"

Structure

The + Comp. + S + V + OW, The + Comp + S + V + OW

ex The higher you go, the cooler you feel.

Rule 9: 'The' is used before the name of parts of universe

ex: The earth moves round the Sun

Rule 10: 'The' is used before the parts of body

ex The eyes, the nose

Rule 11: 'The' is used before the name of invention

ex The Radio, the T.V, the watch

note T.V देखने के क्रम में 'the' नहीं लगाते।

ex (i) The TV is costly in these days (✓)

(ii) I am watching the T.V (X)

(iii) I am watching T.V (✓)

## Omission of 'Article'

Ex: 1) Each boy was ready (✓)

2) Each a boy was ready (X)

⇒ Each / every / no / either / neither / my / our / your  
/ his / her / their / + ( ) + nouns  
↓  
No article

Ex: 1) He travelled — the bus

(a) in (b) on (c) with (d) by

2) He travelled by X bus

(a) the (b) a (c) an (d) No article

By + ↓ + noun (Travel)  
↓  
(No article)

Rule 12: Kind of / Type of / part of / variety of / Rank of  
/ part of / title of / position of / A number of  
/ A lot of / lots of / plenty of / + ↓ + Noun.  
(No article)

Ex: I don't like this kind of a man (X)  
I don't like this kind of a man (✓)

note: Kind of / Type of / part of के बाद 'an' का प्रयोग  
हो सकता है, यदि sentence interrogative हो।

Ex: What type of singer is he? (X)  
What type of a singer is he? (✓)

Rule 13:

Ex: Please tell us in detail (✓)  
Please tell us in a detail (X)  
Please tell us in details (X)

## SOME PARTICULAR IDIOMS AND PHRASES

in details	on time	in danger, etc...
in fact	in demand	
in trouble	in waste	
in confusion	in crisis	
in time	in doubt	

Rule 14.

Ex: I am going to buy a soap (X)  
I am going to buy soaps (X)  
I am going to buy soap (✓)

Rule 15.

Health, homework, work, paper, merry, fifty, news, pray, soap, weather, money, wealth, etc... are considered as uncountable so no article should be used.

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Rule 16.

No article should be used before the name of Mohalla (<sup>मोहल्ला</sup> ~~मोहल्ला~~) village, town, city, state, country etc.

Note: if these words are written themselves in a sentence article 'the' is used.

Ex: The Meheru Vilhar is dirty (X)  
The Mohalla is dirty (✓)  
The India is the best (X)  
The Country is the best (✓)

Rule 17

No article should be used before the name of language

Ex: I can speak the Hindi (X)  
I can speak Hindi (✓)



Note: Article 'the' may be used before the name of language, when the word language is written itself in a sentence.

⇒ The + name of language + LANGUAGE

- The Hindi (X)
- The Hindi language (✓)

Rule 18: No article should be used before the name of festivals.

Ex: The Durga puja (X)

The Onam (X)

but The + name of festival + FESTIVAL

Ex: The holi festival

The Durga puja festival

Rule 19: No Article should be used before the name of season

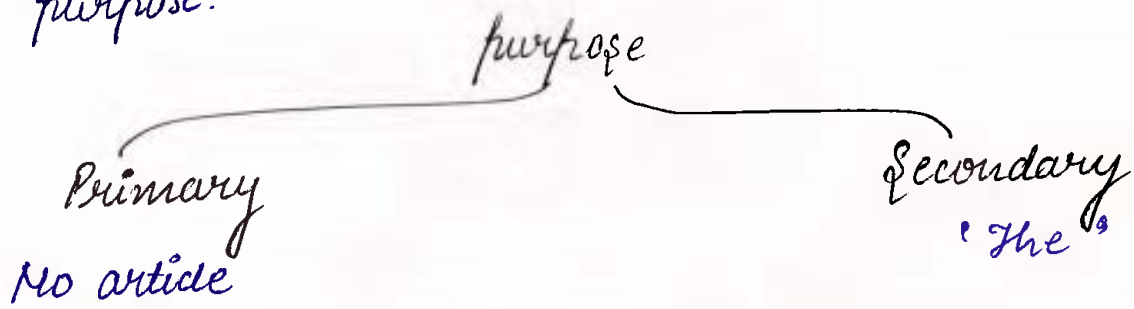
Ex: The Summer

The Winter

The + name of season + SEASON

Rule 20: No article should be used before school, college, church, bed, prison (शुक्र), market, temple, hospital, court, mosque, university etc

when this places are visited for their primary purpose.



{ primary in the sense means for example.  
bed is for sleeping so primary function 'No Article'  
bed for playing secondary function 'Use The' }

- Ex: (i) we sleep in the bed (X)  
(ii) we sleep in bed (✓)  
(iii) The children are playing on bed (X)  
(iv) The children are playing on the bed (✓)  
(v) I am going to school. (✓)  
(vi) I am going to the school (✓) ← purpose nahi pata secondary purpose kya hai.  
(vii) He is going to hospital to meet his friend (X)  
(viii) He is going to the hospital to meet his friend (✓)

Rule 21 No Article should be used before father, mother, brother, uncle, sister etc, man, woman, life, death, science, nature, love, meal, dinner, breakfast, etc.  
when these words are used in normal sense.

Note: When these words are used in particular sense article 'the' is used.

- Ex • ~~The~~ death forgives none (X)  
(सामान्य बात / normal sense so no use of article)
- ~~The~~ death keeps no calendar (X)  
(सामान्य बात no use of article)
- I can't tolerate the death of my love (✓)  
(स्वस बात sentence show particularity of 'my love')
- ~~The~~ nature looks beautiful in the morning (X)  
(nature is beautiful is a common sentence)
- The nature of Kanmi is very attractive (✓)  
(स्वस बात, particularity shows to nature of Kanmi)
- The love is great (X)  
(सामान्य बात)
- The love between Radha and Krishna is immortal (✓)  
(स्वस बात particularity to Radha & Krishna)
- ~~The~~ father has told me that I should respect my teacher (X)  
(सामान्य बात teacher should be respected)
- The father in him is yet alive (✓)  
(स्वस बात)

• I have taken the dinner (X)  
(सामान्य बात, dinner रोज होता है।)

• The dinner was tasty (✓)  
(खास बात dinner tasty है।)

Rule 22: Article 'the' is used before the name of post/  
profession.



Ex: The cm / the p.m / the D.M

Ex(i) The teacher is teaching

(ii) The PM is coming

(iii) He is a teacher → object.

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# 'The' – definite article

Before singular, plural uncountable nouns

## Usage

### ➤ Before unique objects/ group of objects

the earth, the equator, the universe. The sun,  
the moon, the lunar eclipse

### ➤ Before a noun made definite as a result of being mentioned a second before.

I saw a boy and a girl in the garden. The girl was crying  
and the boy looked confused.

### ➤ Before a noun made definite by the addition of a phrase or clause

The boy in the garden, the girl in red frock, the \ the teacher with the  
books in his hands

### ➤ before a noun representing only one particular thing ( by the reason of locality)

Mother is in the kitchen.( the kitchen of speaker's house)

Please pass the salt.

he crossed the road.

➤ Before a noun only when it is qualified.

the immortal Shakespeare , Ashoka the great, the great ashoka the Lord Buddha, The Mahatma Gandhi (the + adjective+ Noun) (The + noun+ adjective ) (The Adj/noun+noun)

➤ Before superlatives and ordinals like first, second, last etc. used as adjective. The best, the last bench, the first king, the second birthday, the previous chapter, the former president)

➤ before a singular nouns to represent a class of animals or persons.

The elephant is the largest animal on the earth.

The dog is a faithful animal.

➤ Before names of seas, rivers, group of islands, chains of mountains, plural names of countries, deserts, regions etc.

the Indian ocean the red sea, the Alps, the Himalayas, The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, The United Kingdom, the United States of America, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic Of Congo. Etc. (Everest. = mountain) (range = the ) the Himalayas, The alps

➤ before names of consisting of noun +of + noun

the bay of Bengal, The United states of America, the Republic of Congo, The United states of Emirates.

• Before a surname

The Guptas , The Mauryas

• Before the names of buildings, hotels, restaurants, museums, theatres, cinemas.

The White House, The President House, The Tajmahal, The Alka Motel, The Taj, The Tatas

➤ Before the names of newspapers, and magazines.

The Hindu, the Times of India, the Indian Express. , the  
India Today

➤ Before the names of races, ethnic groups, and  
communities,

The Sikhs, The Hindus, the Muslims,

- Before the names of the holy books  
( The Geeta, The Mahabharata, The Ramayana, The Quran, The Zend Avesta, The Holy Bible)
- Before abbreviations.  
the UK, The UAE, The UNICEF, The IMF, The ICICI
- Before the names of inventions.  
The T.V. The radios, the cycle, The mobile, the aero plane etc.
- Before dates.  
He was born on the first of Jan 2011.



Omission of the

Before proper nouns.( Rakesh, naresh ,ajya, Aman)

Before abstract nouns( vices, goodness, beauty, love hatred )

Material nouns iron cobalt , zinc. Copper)

Parts of body head, mind, palm leg,

clothings jeans, top, bag,

Language and branch of knowledge hindi, English, Urdu,

Before words .like father mother , uncle, brother

Before the names of games and sports, ( cricket, football, chess, badminton)

Before expressions like , all day, by air, by train, by car,

Remember:

- When **nature** means of spirit of creating and motivating the world of plants and animals , it is used without 'the'

If you destroy nature, etc will destroy you.

- When **'home'** is used alone or placed directly after a verb of motion: the is not used.

She is at home. They went home.

- Bed, church, court , hospital, prison , college, /sea, office/ work/ university do not take ;the' before them if they are visited or used for their primary purpose for which they are made .
- I went to Church for pray.
- I went to the church to check whether it I cleaned or not.