

ARTICLES (a-an-the)

Info

"A / AN"

1. You use 'a' or 'an' when you don't specifically know something or something is not mentioned before.
Example: A man crashed into a tree.
An elephant can make a loud noise.
 2. You use 'a' before a noun that starts with a consonant. (b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y or z)
Example: a dog, a friend, a student
 3. You use 'an' before a noun that starts with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u)
Example: an umbrella, an idea, an apple
- *NOTE: While choosing 'a' or 'an', you should pay attention to how you pronounce the word.
Example: (hour = /aʊər/) it starts with a vowel so we say 'an hour'
(university = /ˌjuː.nɪˈvɜː.sɪ.ti/) it starts with a consonant so we say 'a university'

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"THE"

1. You use 'the' when the listener knows something or someone you are talking about.
Example: Give me the red pencil.
The man in the cafe is drinking tea.
2. You use 'the' when you have already talked about something or someone.
Example: The man came, sir. He brought the papers that you wanted.
3. You use 'the' when you are talking about a geographical point on earth.
Example: the south pole, the equator
4. You use 'the' when you are talking about rivers, oceans and seas.
Example: the Atlantic, the Mississippi
5. You use 'the' when you are using certain nouns.
Example: the snow, the moon, the wind, the world, the earth, the Buckingham Palace

A) Fill in the blanks with 'a' or 'an'

1. _____ blue whale can weigh up to 200 tons.
2. I found _____ yellow stone and _____ earring while I was walking on the beach.
3. Go to the supermarket and buy _____ melon and _____ newspaper.
4. If you want to get good marks you should be _____ hardworking student.
5. I wish I could see _____ unicorn.
6. Wendy wants to buy _____ fridge, _____ washing machine, _____ oven, _____ electric knife for her new house.
7. If you eat _____ orange or _____ lemon a day, you can protect yourself from flu.
8. My mother is _____ angel. She treats me well even if I get bad marks.
9. It's too hot. I want to have _____ ice-cream.
10. My father has _____ Italian and _____ Turkish flag.
11. The teacher wanted _____ answer from the student.
12. Peter is going to give _____ birthday party next Sunday.

B) Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the'

1. _____ weather is fine. Shall we go for a picnic?
2. No, I can't find _____ reasonable house to buy. They are all very expensive.
3. This is _____ man John sold his car.
4. I have got _____ idea about the Maths project
5. _____ world has seven continents. Their names all start with _____ 'A'.
6. Sir, _____ woman you are waiting for is in the hall. She is making _____ phone call.
7. All her life she wanted to be _____ actress, but she is _____ tailor now.
8. If you take _____ 7 o'clock train, you can reach there on time.
9. I've got _____ A+ from the English quiz and I'm very happy.
10. Don't forget to post _____ letter I gave you.
11. Rachel went to India and saw _____ Indian ocean.
12. We need _____ engineer for our company.
13. He visited _____ White House to see the president.