

Grade 5

Articles

1. A

Used before words that begin with a consonant sound.

Shows one thing (singular noun).

Examples: a dog, a ball, a university

2. An

Used before words that begin with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u).

Shows one thing (singular noun).

Examples: an apple, an hour, an elephant

3. The

Used for specific or unique things.

Can be singular or plural.

Examples: the sun, the Nile River, the children in my class

Choose the correct article: a, an, or the

1. __an__ apple

2. __a__ dog

3. __an__ hour

4. _the__ sun

5. _the__ Nile River

6. __an__ umbrella

7. _a__ university

8. _an__ elephant

9. _the_ moon

10. _the_ book on the desk

Explanations

1. an apple – ‘Apple’ starts with a vowel sound, so we use ‘an.’
2. a dog – ‘Dog’ starts with a consonant sound, so we use ‘a.’
3. an hour – The ‘h’ is silent, and it starts with a vowel sound (‘our’), so we use ‘an.’
4. the sun – We use ‘the’ for unique things; there is only one sun.
5. the Nile River – We use ‘the’ before names of rivers, seas, and oceans.
6. an umbrella – ‘Umbrella’ begins with a vowel sound (‘uh’), so we use ‘an.’
7. a university – ‘University’ starts with a consonant sound (‘yu’), so we use ‘a.’
8. an elephant – ‘Elephant’ starts with a vowel sound, so we use ‘an.’
9. the moon – We use ‘the’ for unique things; there is only one moon.
10. the book on the desk – We use ‘the’ when referring to a specific object known to both the speaker and listener.

Choose the correct article (a, an, the, or zero)

1. I saw ___ apple on the table.
2. She has ___ dog and ___ cat at home.
3. It took ___ hour to finish the homework.
4. We can see ___ sun in the sky.
5. ___ Nile River is very long.
6. He carried ___ umbrella because it was raining.
7. She studies at ___ university in London.
8. I saw ___ elephant at the zoo.
9. Look at ___ moon tonight!
10. I read ___ book on the desk.
11. I like ___ bananas for breakfast.
12. He drinks ___ milk every morning.
13. ___ dogs in the park are very playful.
14. I need ___ pencil.
15. We visited ___ Eiffel Tower last year.

Fill in the blanks with a, an, the, or zero articles in sentences/paragraph

Yesterday, I went to ___ park near my house. I saw ___ small bird sitting on ___ bench. It was eating ___ seeds. Suddenly, ___ dog ran past me, chasing ___ ball. I also saw ___ old lady feeding ___ pigeons. After that, I went to ___ supermarket to buy ___ orange and ___ apple. On my way home, I passed ___ library and ___ school. I like walking in ___ morning because ___ air is fresh and clean.

Answers:

Exercise 1: Choose the correct article (a, an, the, or zero)

1. an
2. a
3. an
4. the
5. the
6. an
7. a
8. an
9. the
10. the

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks with a, an, the, or zero articles in sentences/paragraph

the | a | the | zero | the | a | an | the | the | an | an | the | the | zero | the