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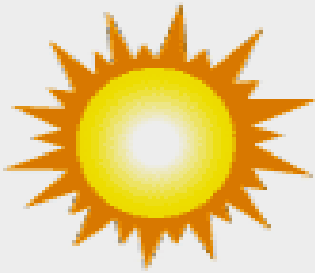


Your World



Learning objective: Students should be able to be familiar with:

Articles



"A" and "an" are used in front of singular countable nouns that are not specific.

"A" is used before a consonant sound.

"An" is used before a vowel sound.

Indefinite Articles

Articles

The Definite article

"The" is used to refer to nouns already mentioned. It is also used before specific or unique nouns, superlative adjectives, some countries, family names, seas, rivers, oceans, etc.

The Zero Article

The zero article is used before uncountable nouns, names of people, and names of places, such as towns, islands, countries, continents, etc.

A - AN

When the next word starts with a
CONSONANT SOUND

A

a book

a frog

a car

a lemon

a dog

a truck

When the next word starts with a
VOWEL SOUND

AN

an apple

an orange

an egg

an umbrella

an insect

an actor

BE CAREFUL! The **SOUND** of the letter is important

a house

BUT

an hour

The **H** at the beginning of **hour** is **silent**.

an uncle

BUT

a university

The **U** at the beginning of **university** sounds like **YOU**.

This rule applies to all words after **A** or **AN** (including adjectives, adverbs...)

a cold day

an easy lesson

a very crazy person

an interesting class



WE USE THE...

1. With **nouns** when we are talking about something specific, that is, when the noun is mentioned for a second time or is already known...

e.g She bought a **handbag** yesterday, **The bag** is made of leather.

I bought a radio and a CD player, but the CD player didn't work.

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2. with **adjectives** in the **superlatives** form...

e.g She's **the most beautiful girl** I've ever seen.

He is **the tallest** of all.

3. before the words morning, afternoon, and evening...

e.g He usually go jogging in the morning.
She always watches TV in the evening.

4. before titles when the person's name is not mentioned...

e.g the Queen the President the King

5. with nouns which are unique or there is only one.

e.g the moon the sun the earth

6. before the names of musical instruments...
(the violin, the guitar, the drums, the flute)

e.g the piano the guitar.

7. before the names of...

A.. hotels... e.g the Sheraton hotel.
B.. theatres & cinemas... e.g the Rex cinema.
C.. ships... e.g the Titanic
D.. organizations... e.g the UE.
E.. newspapers... e.g the Times.
F.. museums... e.g the Louvre.

8. before nationality words and families...

e.g the Germans the smiths.

9. Names of rivers, seas, oceans, mountain ranges and deserts.
(always in capitals).

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| 1. rivers... (the Nile). | 2. oceans... (the Atlantic) |
| 3. seas... (the Dead sea) | 4. mountain ranges... (the Alps) |
| 5. desert... (the Sahara) | |
| 6. countries when they include words such as "state", "kingdom"... | |
| (the united kingdom - the united states of America) | |
| 7. nouns with of... | |
| (the tower of London) | |
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WE DON'T USE THE...

1. with **plural nouns** when we talk about them in **general**...

e.g **Elephants** live in the jungle.
 Flowers grow in the garden.

2. before **proper names**...

e.g **This is Jack. He comes from Spain.**

3. before **titles** when person's name is mentioned...

e.g **Queen Elizabeth.** **Princess Diana.**

4. with **language**...

e.g **I speak English...BUT... The English Language** is easy to learn.

5. before the names of...

1. meals... (breakfast - dinner - lunch).

2. games & sports... (swimming - football - basketball)

e.g **Swimming** is relaxing sport.

8. before the **names of**...

1. **countries**... (Jordan - Italy)

2. **cities**... (Tokyo)

3. **streets**... (Madison Avenue)

4. **mountains**... (Everest)

5. **continents**... (Africa)

9. with the words (**school - church - bed - hospital - prison or home**) when we refer to the purpose for which they exist...

Examples:

1. (a) **My children go to school every day.**

The children normally spend their time in school.

(b) **I went to the school to attend a parent-teacher meeting.**

I'm a parent; I'm not normally at that school. I went to the school for the meeting.

2. (a) **My friend is sick and is in hospital.**

Sick people usually spend their time in hospital.

(b) **I visited my friend in the hospital because she was sick.**

I am well, but I went to the hospital to visit my friend.

3. (a) **My son is 20 and is studying economics in university.**

Students who study spend their time in universities.

(b) **There was a ceremony in the university for the graduates.**

I attended it because I'm a parent of one of the graduates.

4. (a) **I go to church on Sundays.**

People who are following their religion tend to go to church on Sundays.

(b) **When I go to new cities, I like to visit the churches in that city.**

I am not normally in that city. I like to see how they're designed.

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