

# ARTICLES (a-an-the)



## "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'



## "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.