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| Articles  English has three articles \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  Basically, an article is an adjective because it modifies a noun. |

The

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is used to refer to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nouns.**

Example:

1. Let’s read \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book.
2. I just saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ most popular movie of the year.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The can also be used with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nouns, or when the article can be omitted entirely.**

Example:

1. He spilled the milk all over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ floor!
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Exceptions to the Rule\*\*\***

\*Do NOT use **the** before:

-names of most countries (Italy, Mexico, Bolivia) However sometime do use it (the United States, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic)

-names of cities, towns, states, streets, lakes, mountains (except mountain ranges), continents, islands (except island chains/groups)

A An

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are used to refer to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ member of a group or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thing.**

Example:

1. My son really wants \_\_\_\_\_\_ dog for Christmas. (any dog)
2. Somebody call \_\_\_\_\_\_ Policeman! (any policeman)
3. When I was at the zoo, I saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elephant. (non-specific)
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A or an can be used only with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nouns.**

Example: I need a bottle of water.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Using a or an depends on the beginning SOUND of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ word.**

-Use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the next sound is a consonant. *a boy, a dog*

-Use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the next sound is a vowel (a, e, i, o, u) *an apple*

-Use **a** when the next sound is a long u sound like in user or university

-Use **an** with nouns starting with a silent h. *an hour*

-Use **a** with nouns starting with a pronounced h. *a horse*

**Articles are not needed when**: naming languages and nationalities (Chinese), naming sports (baseball), naming subjects (biology).