

*a*      **the**                      *an*                      **the**

*the*      **a**      **Articles**      **a**

*an*                                              *the*

**the**                      **a**                      *an*                      **an**

*an*                      **the**                      **the**                      *a*

Most nouns need articles.

noun

Help! I need  
an article.

Here are two articles: **a** and **the**

I am  
indefinite.

**a**

I am  
definite.

**the**

**The** is called a definite article.

That means I go with specific singular and plural nouns.

**the**

I am definite.

I need **the** mop and bucket.

I need **the** nails.

We went to **the** store

**The** is called a definite article.

I also go with something  
that there is only one of.

**the**

I am definite.

Look at **the** moon.

This is **the** last candy bar.

I see **the** North Star.

**The** is called a definite article.

I go with oceans, rivers,  
seas and deserts.

**the**

I am definite.

I crossed **the** Pacific Ocean in a boat.

**The** Mississippi River is hard to spell.

Italy is in **the** Mediterranean Sea.

**The** is called a definite article.

~~the~~

Do not use "the" with the names of people, continents, states, cities, titles, religious place names, titles of officials, names of diseases, and names of magazines or newspapers.

Choose the correct answer.

Q1. \_\_\_\_ old man

- The
- A

Q3. \_\_\_\_ accident

- The
- A

Q2. \_\_\_\_ Buffalo Grove

- The
- A

Q4. \_\_\_\_ knife

- The
- An

Choose the correct answer.

Q5. \_\_\_\_ Asia

- The
- None

Q7. \_\_\_\_ car

- The
- None

Q6. \_\_\_\_ Mrs. Stuart

- The
- None

Q8. \_\_\_\_ door

- The
- None

Choose the correct answer.

Q9. \_\_\_\_ apple

- The
- None

Q11. \_\_\_\_ bus

- The
- None

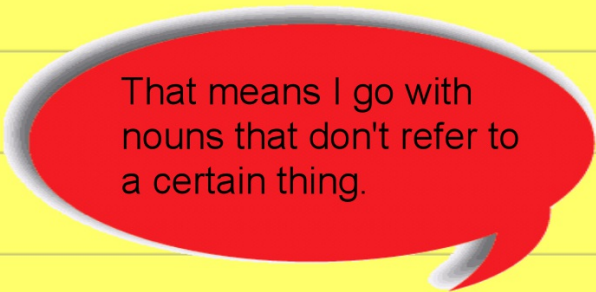
Q10. \_\_\_\_ Illinois

- The
- None

Q12. \_\_\_\_ school

- The
- None

**A** is called an indefinite article.



That means I go with nouns that don't refer to a certain thing.



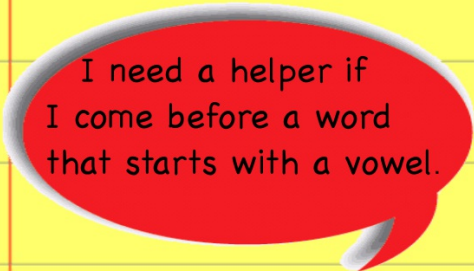
a

Let's have **a** party!

I want to buy **a** dog.

Let's drink **a** cup of tea.

**An** is also an indefinite article.



I need a helper if  
I come before a word  
that starts with a vowel.



I'll  
help!

a n

She ate **an** apple.

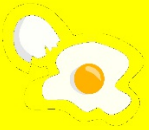
I want to buy **an** umbrella.

We saw **an** orangutan at the zoo.



a

an



Choose the correct answer.

Q1. \_\_\_\_ old man

- A
- An

Q3. \_\_\_\_ accident

- A
- An

Q2. \_\_\_\_ field

- A
- An

Q4. \_\_\_\_ knife

- A
- An

Choose the correct answer.

Q5. \_\_\_\_ horse

- A
- An

Q7. \_\_\_\_ egg

- A
- An

Q6. \_\_\_\_ uncle

- A
- An

Q8. \_\_\_\_ car

- A
- An

Choose the correct answer.

Q9. \_\_\_\_ open door

- A
- An

Q11. \_\_\_\_ iPod

- A
- An

Q10. \_\_\_\_ CD player

- A
- An

Q12. \_\_\_\_ banana

- A
- An



Put the correct article in the sentence.

Look at \_\_\_\_\_ sky.

a

the

I want to have \_\_\_ big party.

The

I need \_\_\_\_\_ tools.

a

a

We will read \_\_\_\_\_ books.

An

This is \_\_\_\_\_ last piece of candy.

the

the

I swim in \_\_\_\_\_ Atlantic Ocean.

the

\_\_\_ elephant can drink a lot of water.

a

\_\_\_\_\_ Sahara Desert is hot.

the

