

MAY OPEN WORKSHOP

Articles - How to Use "A", "An", "The" and "No Article"!

A/AN (THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE)

1. We use "**a/an**" with singular, countable nouns. We use "**a**" before nouns which start with a **consonant sound** (**a** meeting) while we use "**an**" before words which start with a **vowel sound** (**an** appointment). This includes acronyms (**an** AMHS engineer).
2. We use "**a/an**" before a noun that is **general** or **not known**. The noun can be any member of a group or category.
 - He ate **a** sandwich for lunch.
 - She has gone to **a** meeting.
3. We use "**a/an**" when we mention a noun for the **first time**.
 - There is **a** bus that takes you to the station.
 - I'm thinking about applying for **a** new job.

A/An

THE (THE DEFINITE ARTICLE)

1. We use "**the**" with singular, plural, and uncountable nouns. For example, "**the** office", "**the** meetings", or "**the** money".
2. We use "**the**" before a noun that is **specific** or **known**. It is clear which noun we are talking about.
 - **The** sandwich I ate for lunch was delicious.
 - They have postponed **the** All Employee Meeting this week.
3. We use "**the**" when we mention a noun for the **second time** (and all times after that).
 - Like I said before, **the** bus stops outside the factory.
 - It's **the** job I told you about last week.
4. We use "**the**" before some geographical features or countries.
 - We are flying over **the** Pacific Ocean.
 - Our head office is in **the** United States.

The

NO ARTICLE (THE ZERO ARTICLE)

1. We use **no article** with plural and uncountable nouns. For example, "**hotels**", or "**advice**".
2. We use **no article** before a noun when we are talking about it in a **general way**.
 - She likes staying in **hotels**.
 - He was asking for **advice**.
3. We use **no article** before most **proper nouns** (names of people, cities, countries, languages, companies etc.).
 - She went to the conference with **Tom**.
 - Micron has a factory in **Hiroshima**.

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WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

READ THE SENTENCE. ADD "A", "AN", "THE" TO THE SPACE IF IT IS NECESSARY OR LEAVE THE SPACE BLANK WITH NO ARTICLE.

- 1) Micron is ___ semiconductor company.
- 2) Micron produces ___ memory devices.
- 3) The All Employee Meeting will be held in ___ cafeteria.
- 4) New employees should report to ___ HR.
- 5) Don't forget to reply to ___ email I sent you.
- 6) I read ___ interesting research article yesterday.
- 7) I went to ___ UK last summer.
- 8) She really likes ___ cakes.
- 9) He is going to ___ Aeon on Saturday.
- 10) She comes from ___ Middle East.
- 11) Could you close ___ window, please?
- 12) Let's write up this new approach as ___ SOP.
- 13) She is ___ engineer in ___ QE department.
- 14) He went on ___ business trip to ___ Tokyo.
- 15) I live in ___ small apartment in ___ city.
- 16) Is there ___ bus to ___ Hiroshima airport from my hotel?