

# 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= /juː.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.

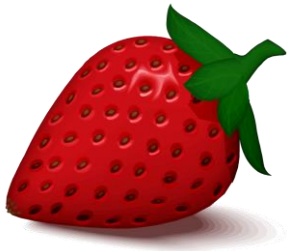


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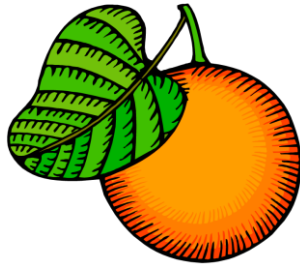
1. \_\_\_\_\_ weather is fine. Shall we go for a picnic?
2. No, I can't find \_\_\_\_\_ reasonable house to buy. They are all very expensive.
3. This is \_\_\_\_\_ man John sold his car.
4. I have got \_\_\_\_\_ idea about the Maths project
5. \_\_\_\_\_ world has seven continents. Their names all start 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.

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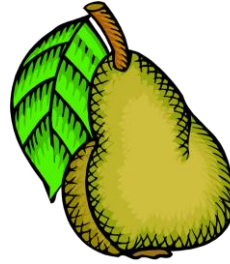
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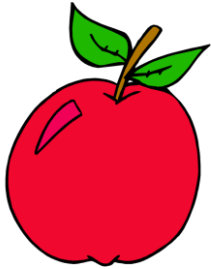
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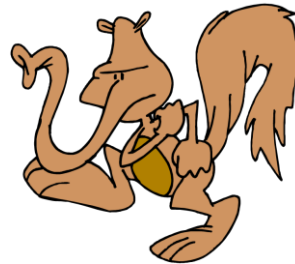
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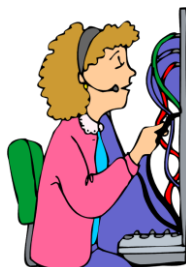
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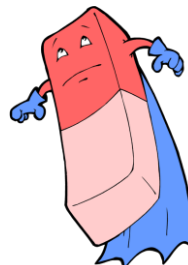
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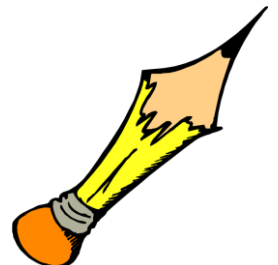
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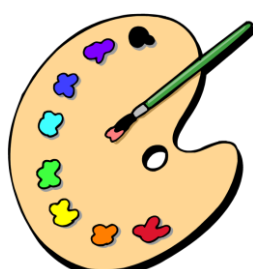
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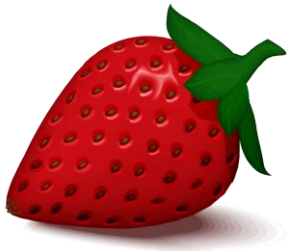
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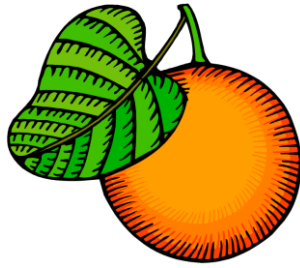
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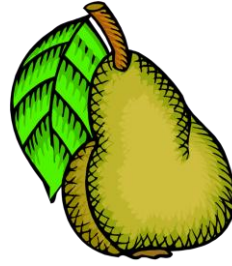
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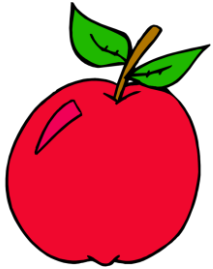
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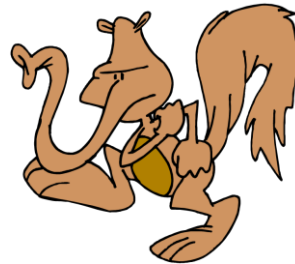
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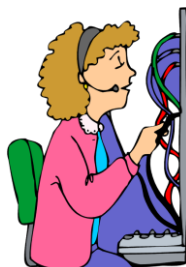
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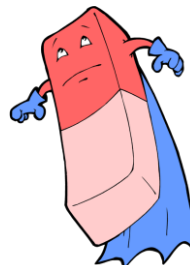
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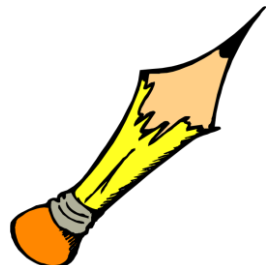
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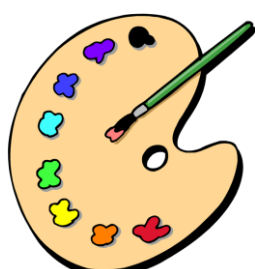
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# ARTICLES : RULES

## the definite article : "THE"

*something already mentioned, known*



Could your dad sell  
the red car?

*family names in plural*



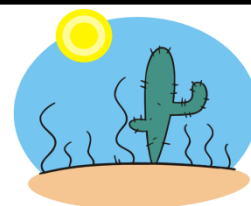
the Taylors

*countries that have plural names*



the United States of  
America

*deserts, some regions*



the Gobi, the North  
America

*groups of islands*



the Marshall Islands

*groups of mountains*



the Himalayas

*rivers, seas, oceans*



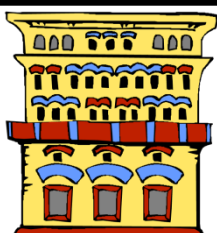
the Atlantic Ocean,  
the Mississippi

*groups, bands, orchestras, choirs*



the Beatles, the  
Cleveland Orchestra

*museums, cinemas, theatres, hotels*



the Four Seasons  
Hotel

*unique things*



the sun, the world, the  
moon

*unique people*



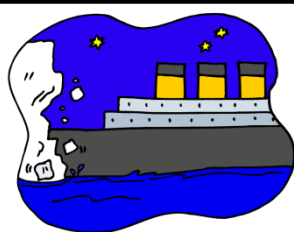
the queen, the king,  
the president

*musical instruments*



the accordion, the  
guitar

*ships*



the Titanic, the Santa  
Maria

*directions*



the north, the south,  
the west, the east

*adjectives, to refer to a group of people*



the rich, the French,  
the elderly




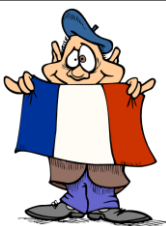


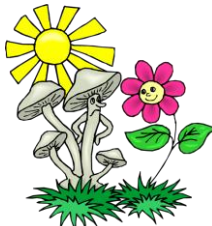

*ordinal numbers*



the first, the second,  
the third, the fourth

# ARTICLES : RULES

## the indefinite article : a / an

<i>referring to a single person or object</i>	<i>referring to something for the first time</i>	<i>with names of jobs</i>	<i>with nationalities, religion in singular</i>
			
I want a red apple	There was a prince in a far away country	Joe dreams of being a fireman	Pierre is a Frenchman He is a Catholic
<i>days of the week but not a particular day</i>	<i>referring to an example of something</i>	<i>with singular nouns after "what/such"</i>	<i>with some illnesses</i>
			
Please, visit me on a Sunday morning	The man had a big nose	What a lovely day! He is such a good boy	He has got a terrible headache

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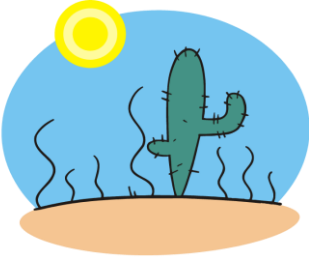
## zero article

with years : 2005, 1402, 1990	with languages : French, German
with Island : Cyprus, Rhodes	with lakes : Lake Victoria
with meals : breakfast, dinner	with seasons/months : Winter, May
festivals : Easter, Oktoberfest	with days : Monday, Friday
with continents : Asia, Africa	with countries : Italy, Turkey
with cities/towns : Paris, London	with streets : Rose Street
with airports : London Gatwick	with mountains : Everest
with games : baseball, tennis	with proper nouns : Beyonce

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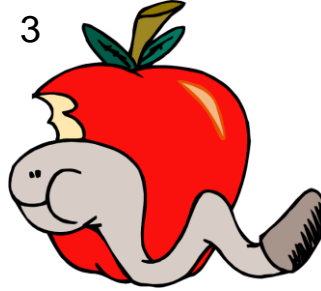
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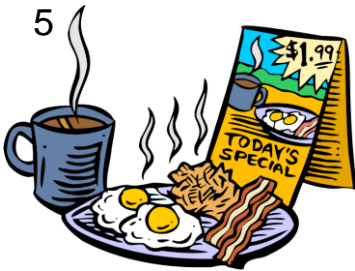
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Have you ever been to \_\_\_\_ United States of America?

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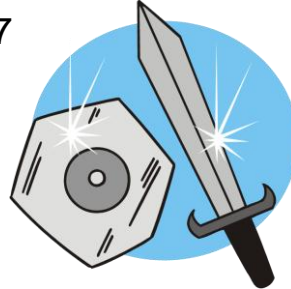
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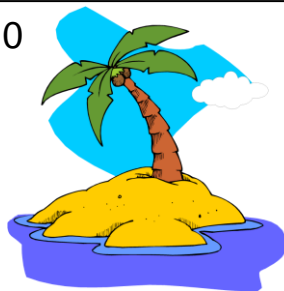
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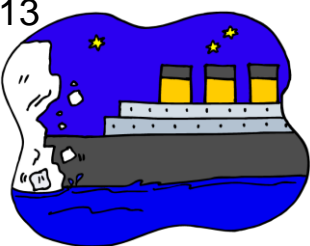
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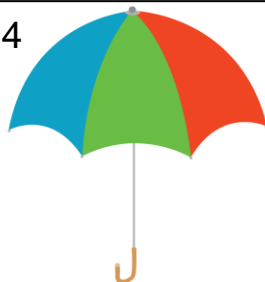
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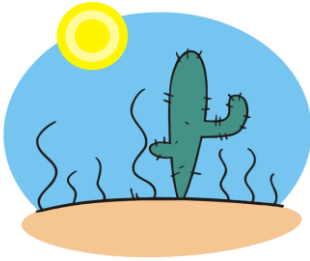
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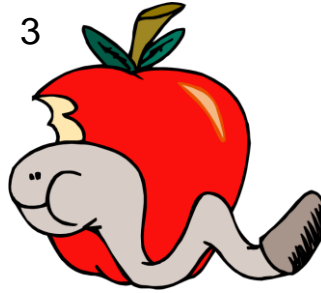
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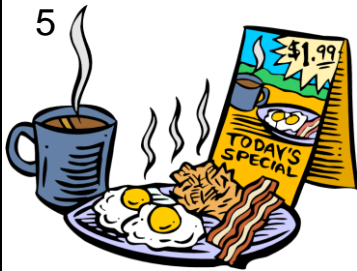
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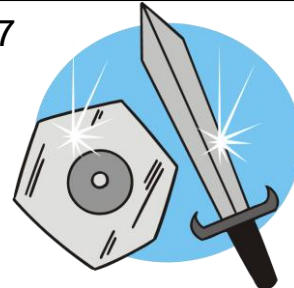
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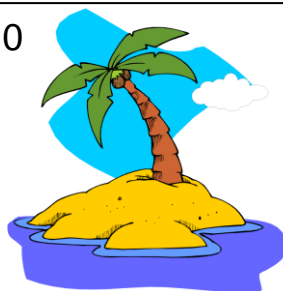
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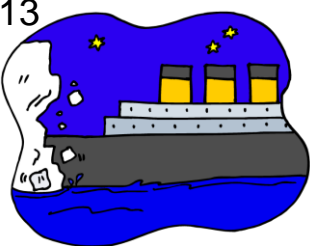
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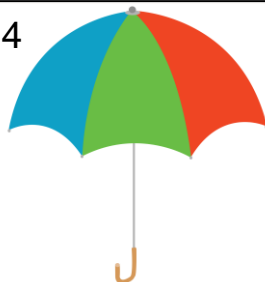
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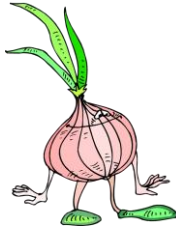
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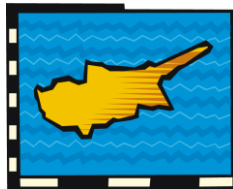


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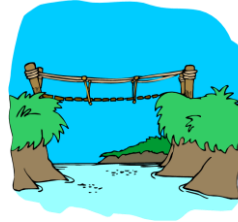


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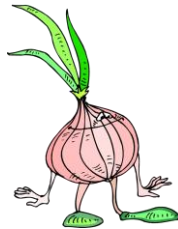
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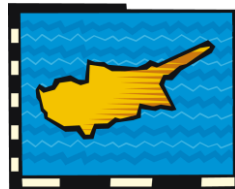


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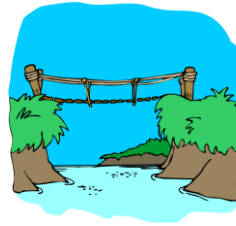


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Circle the correct choice and fill in the blanks to complete the sentences.

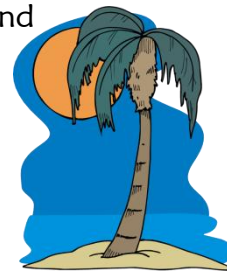
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- b) an
- c) ---
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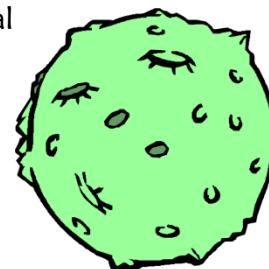
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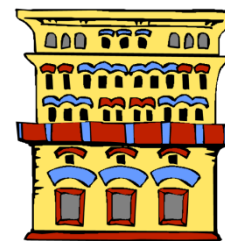
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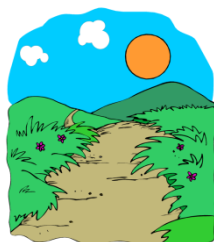
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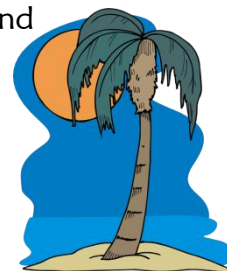
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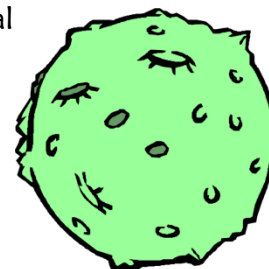
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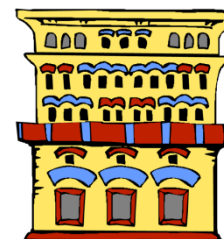
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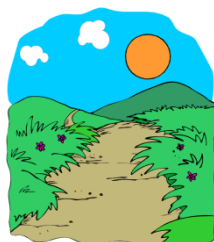
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