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The words **a**, **an** and **the** are called articles. These are demonstrative adjectives used to point people or things.

A and **an** are indefinite articles. **The** is a definite article. **A** and **an** suggest any person or thing.

The suggests a particular person or thing.

Eg: Bring **a** chair (any chair will do)

Bring **the** chair lying near the window.

(a particular chair which is lying near the window.)

- **We use the indefinite articles a and an before countable nouns in the singular number.**

Eg.: a boy, a tree, a ship

an egg, an umbrella, an ox.

Usage of article 'a'

- **We use a before a countable noun starting/beginning with a consonant sound.**

Eg. a man, a cow, a dog

- **The use of a in the following examples is an exception.**

Eg.:

- a university
- a European
- a one rupee note
- a one eyed man

The words university and European begin with vowels- **u** and **e**. Both these are pronounced with the **yoo** sound which is a consonant sound. So, the article **a** is used instead of **an**. Similarly the sound of vowel-o is **ww** which again is a consonant sound.

Usage of article 'an'

- **'An' is used before a countable noun in the singular number beginning with a vowel sound:**

Eg.: an ant, an axe, an apple

- **many words begin with a silent h. So they begin with a vowel sound and therefore take an before them:**
- Eg. An hour, an honest servant, an honourable man.

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Usage of article ‘the’

- Before any noun when we want to particularize it.

Eg.: We lost **the** ball with which we played.

- With superlative degrees:

Eg.: This **the** largest river in our country.

He is **the** tallest boy of the class.

- With words like first, next, last, only:

Eg.: Who is sitting on **the** last bench.

Madhu is **the** only daughter of her parents.

- **With the names of rivers, mountains, seas, oceans and celestial bodies.**

Eg.: **The** Ganges flows through Haridwar.

The Alps are in Switzerland.

The earth revolves round the sun.

The Pacific Ocean is the biggest of all.

- **With the names of holy books, trains, ships, aeroplanes, some countries newspapers and well known buildings:**

Eg.: **The** Bible is the holy book of Christians.

The Titanic was a dream ship.

We travelled by **the** Boeing 777.

The USA is a super power.

The Times of India printed a report on the Taj Mahal.