

# ARTICLES

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<p><b>General rule:</b> If both the speaker and the hearer <b>KNOW EXACTLY</b> what is talked about, we usually use "the".</p> <p><b>a) Unique object(s):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Sun, the Earth, the Moon, the sea, the world</li> <li>- The President of the US, the Prime Minister of Vietnam (<b>Note:</b> <del>the</del> President Biden, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh ...)</li> </ul> <p><b>b) An object that is mentioned a second time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We saw a cat in the garden. <u>The cat</u> then ran away.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) A Noun defined by a relative pronoun</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>The dog</u> that I keep, <u>the girl</u> that I love</li> </ul> <p><b>d) An object preceded by <i>first, second, last, ...</i> or a superlative adjective (<i>best, worst, only, most intelligent, less interesting, ...</i>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first day, the only moment</li> <li>- The best student, the most intelligent dog, the least interesting book</li> </ul> <p><b>e) An object that both the speaker and the listener know <i>in that context</i>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pass me <u>the salt</u>.</li> <li>- Can you bring <u>the Powerpoint</u> tomorrow?</li> </ul> <p><b>f) Other usages:</b></p> <p><b>+ The + Adj:</b> the rich, the poor, the sick, the young, the elderly [K-12 Note] Dùng để chỉ một nhóm người</p> <p><b>+ The + direction:</b> the East, the West, the North, the South, the South-East, the North-West,...</p> <p><b>+ The + animal name:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>The whale</u> is a very large species of marine animal.</li> </ul> <p><b>+ The + name of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sea/Ocean:</b> the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Red Sea</li> <li>- <b>River:</b> the Nile, the Thames</li> <li>- <b>Countries with -s:</b> the Philippines, the Netherlands</li> <li>- <b>Mountains:</b> the Himalayas</li> <li>- <b>Desert:</b> the Sahara</li> <li>- <b>Forest/Jungle:</b> the Amazon</li> <li>- <b>Family name with -s:</b> the Simpsons, the Smiths, the Buchanans</li> </ul>	<p>If an object is not defined by 'the', we do as follow:</p> <p><b>a) With singular, countable nouns: A/An</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a book, a restaurant, a teacher, a football match, a lesson, a bicycle</li> </ul> <p><b>[If the following Adj or Noun begins with a vowel, we use <i>an</i> instead of <i>a</i>]</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>A brick</td><td>A university</td></tr> <tr> <td>AN army</td><td>AN hour</td></tr> <tr> <td>A can</td><td>A monster</td></tr> <tr> <td>AN umbrella</td><td>AN elephant</td></tr> <tr> <td>AN under-aged person</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>A haunted mansion</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>AN honest opinion</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>A yellow house</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>AN irresponsible person</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p><b>b) With uncountable nouns OR plural nouns: No article</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- water, rice, pasta, knowledge, evidence, money</li> <li>- people, children, houses, places, phones, products</li> </ul>	A brick	A university	AN army	AN hour	A can	A monster	AN umbrella	AN elephant	AN under-aged person		A haunted mansion		AN honest opinion		A yellow house		AN irresponsible person	
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