

Tender Heart School, Sector - 33B, Chandigarh

Subject : English Language

Topic : Articles

Class : V

Good Morning Students,
Today in the subject of English Language we will discuss Articles.

Children ! The words 'a', 'an' and 'the' are called articles. They are demonstrative adjectives and are used to point out people or things.

* A and an are indefinite articles.

* The is the definite article.

* A and an suggest any person or thing.

* The suggests a particular person or thing.

* Use of Indefinite Articles

Students, we use indefinite articles 'a' and 'an' before countables in the singular number. For example

a boy

a tree

a shop

an egg

an ox

an umbrella

* Use of 'A'

The use of a and an depends upon the sound of the countable noun before which it is used (placed).

We use a before a countable noun (that can be counted like boy, tree) in the singular number beginning with a consonant.

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sound. For example

a man

a flower

a cow

Children, in words having consonant sound, we use a.

For example

a University, a European

a one rupee note

* Use of 'An'

Children, we use 'an' before a countable noun in the singular number beginning with a vowel sound.

For example

an ant, an apple, an axe

The words ant, apple and axe begin with a vowel sound, so 'an' is used before these words.

Some words where 'h' is silent, they begin with a vowel sound and take 'an' before them.

For example -

an hour

an honest

* Use of 'the':

'The' is used before a particular person or a thing. for example

Close the window on your right.

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* With Superlatives

For example

This is the best show I have ever seen.

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

For example

Who is sitting on the first seat?

* With a common noun when that noun represents the whole class. For example

The rose is a beautiful flower.

* With earth, moon, sky, sun etc.

For example

The earth revolves round the sun.

* With the names of rivers, seas and oceans:

For example

The Narmada falls into the Arabian Sea.

* With the names of mountain ranges:

The Himalayas lies to the north of India.

* With the names of holy books :

The Ramayana, The Bible

* With the names of trains, ships, aeroplanes etc For example

The Shatabdi Express, The Rajdhani Express

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- * With the names of countries if the name includes a common noun :

The U.K. and the U.S.A are developed countries.

- * With the names of newspapers.

The Times of India , The Tribune

- * With the names of well known buildings :

We visited the Taj Mahal last week.

- * Omission of the Article

[When no article is used] Students!

1. No article is used with proper nouns
For example

Ashoka was a kind ruler.

New Delhi is the Capital of India.

2. No article is used with abstract nouns.

Beauty pleases our heart and eyes.

Honesty is the best policy.

3. Children | no article is used with such nouns as gold, silver, water etc. for instance: Gold is an expensive metal.