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Articles

Articles are also known as **Determiners (A, An, and The)**. They are used before a noun.

| Articles (A / An / The) | |
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| A/ An | The |
| Used for subject which are not specific or one of several things of a similar type. | Use for specific objects or objects that both speaker and listener know |
| E.g. I need a phone | E.g. Can you give me the books on the table? |
| Used the first time we introduce the object | Used when we mention the object again. |
| E.g. I saw a movie last night. | E.g. The movie is based on a real-life incident. |
| Used as synonyms for the number one | Used before plural countries or other plural regions and body of water |
| E.g. They bought a computer. | E.g. The Netherlands |
| Used to indicate one of group. | Used before certain adjectives to a plural meaning. |
| E.g. She is a singer | E.g. The Rich |

"A" and "An" are the only two indefinite articles. **A** and **An** both mean the same meaning. Use '**An**' before a noun that begins with a **vowel sounds**. Otherwise, use '**A**' with all the consonants.

Example: **a house, an uncle, an hour, a university**

Note: In A to Z, we have five vowels "**a, e, i, o, u**" and rest of them are consonants. The sound of the alphabet / letter is important to judge where to use "A" or "An".