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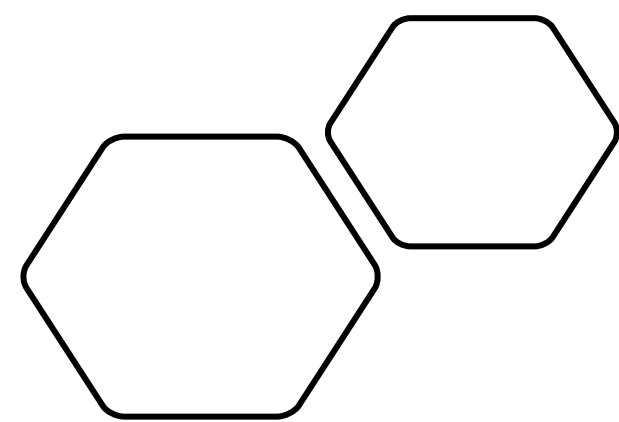
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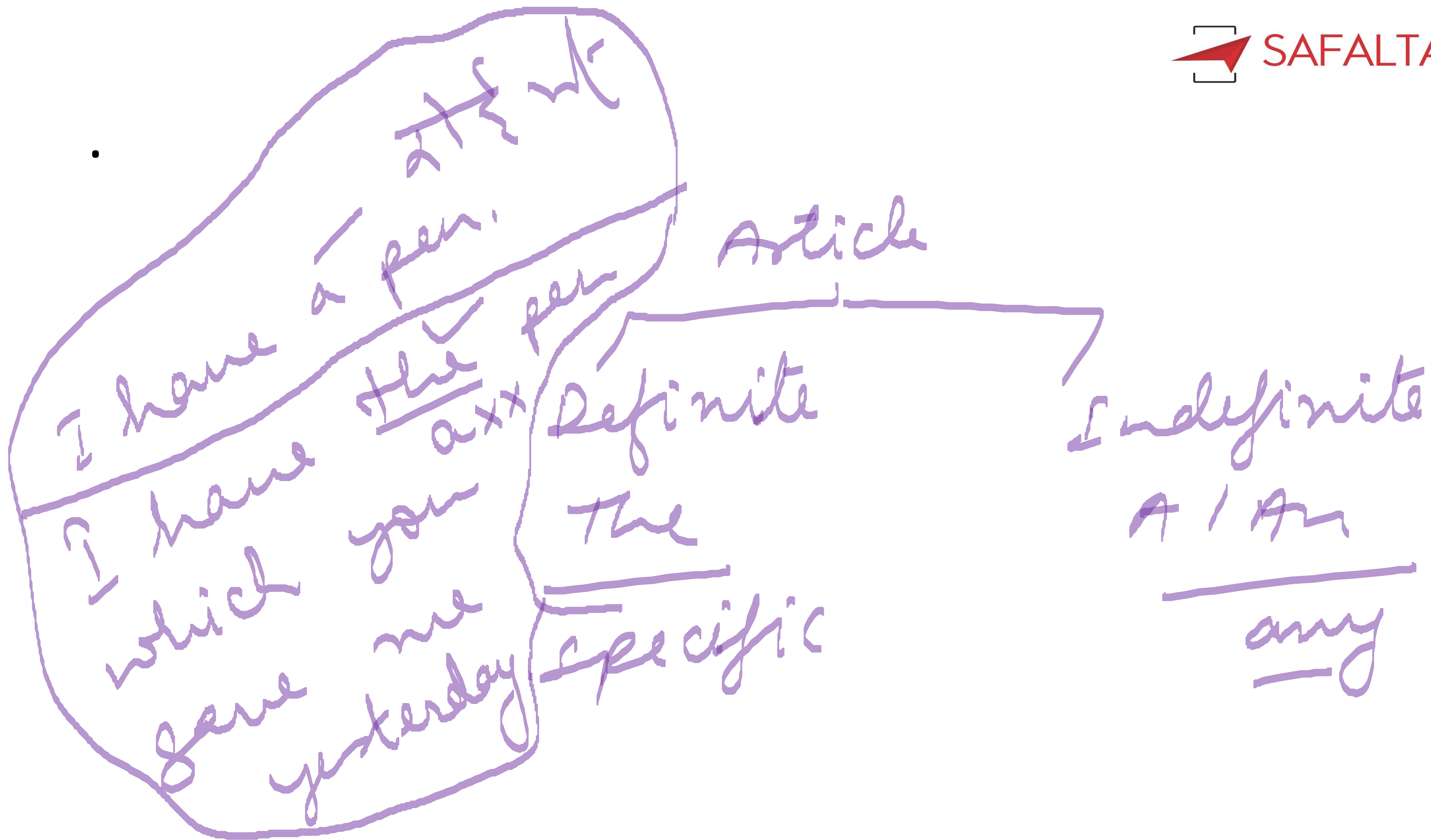
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Use of Indefinite Articles 'A/An'

- (1) **'A' is used before a word beginning with consonant sound** (क, ख, ग, च, प, य...)
a child, a student, a book, a one-eyed man,
a university student, a European, a unique
book, a uniform, a unit etc.

A + consonant sound
An + vowel sound

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- (2) **'An' is used before a word beginning with vowel sound** (अ, आ, इ, ई, उ, ऊ, ए, ऐ.....)
an elephant, an apple, an umbrella, an hour, an heir, an honest man, an L.L.B. student, an M.P., an M.L.A., an F.I.R., an SDM. etc.

Before a singular countable noun which indicates a class of things, animals and persons. (पूरी जाति के लिए)

- (i) **A** cow is a useful animal.
- (ii) **A** beggar cannot be a chooser.
- (iii) **A** son should be obedient.

= The cow is a useful animal.

Expression of quantity with certain numbers and expression of 'Price/rate, speed, ratio'.

- (i) Rupees ten a kilo.
- (ii) Half a dozen.

In exclamations with 'what a/an'

- (i) **What** a hot day it is! ✓
- (ii) **What** an intelligent girl she is! ✓

Exclamatory Sentence

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For unknown person (अज्ञात व्यक्ति के लिए)

(i) **A** Mr. Gupta = Some Mr. Gupta

(ii) **A** Mrs. Sharma = Some Mrs. Sharma

1. **A Mr. Sharma** has come to meet you.

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Before the verbs used as noun and in some phrases.

- (i) For a swim/talk/walk/rest/drive/visit, etc.
- (ii) Have a taste/mind/pain/fever/cough/
cold/pity, etc.

(10). Before certain phrases.

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| 1. In a hurry | 2. In a temper |
| 3. Feel a shame | 4. In a fix |
| 5. Make a noise | 6. In a nutshell |
| 7. Keep a secret | 8. As a rule |
| 9. At a stone's throw | 10. At a loss |
| 11. For a while | 12. A short while ago |
| 13. Take an interest in | 14. Make an effort |
| 15. In a dilemma | |

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(B). Before the names of—

- 1. Historical buildings** – The Taj Mahal, The Red Fort, The Buckingham Palace etc.
- 2. Mountain ranges पर्वत श्रृंखला** – The Himalayas, The Aravalis, ~~The Western Ghats~~ etc.
- 3. Planets** – The Mars, The Jupiter, The Earth etc.
- 4. Rivers** – The Ganga, The Yamuna, The Nile etc.
- 5. Oceans** – The Indian Ocean, The Pacific Ocean, etc.
- 6. Gulfs** – The Gulf of Persia, The Gulf of Mexico etc.
- 7. Groups of Islands** – The Lakshadweep, The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, The West Indies etc.

8. **Holy books-** The Ramayana, The Bhagwad Gita, The Quran Sharif, The Bible etc.
9. **Ordinals-** The First, The Second, The Third, etc.
10. **Countries' names containing UNITED/ REPUBLIC-** The USA, The UK, The UAE, etc.
11. **State-** The Punjab
12. **Newspapers-** The Hindu, The Times of India, The Hindustan Times, etc.
13. **Magazines-** The Times, The Frontline, The Forbes, The Reader's Digest etc.
14. **Deserts-** The Sahara, The Thar, The Gobi etc.

15. **Superlative degree-** The Best, The Greatest, etc.
16. **Trains-** The Rajdhani Express, The Palace on Wheels etc.
17. **Hotels-** The Taj Hotel, The Continental Hotel, The Hayaat Hotel etc.
18. **Seas-** The Arabian sea, The Red Sea, etc.
19. **Canals-** The Suez Canal, The Rajasthan Canal etc.
20. **Bays-** The Bay of Bengal, The Hudson Bay etc.
21. **Movements/Wars-** The Red Revolution, The Battle of Panipat, The Revolt of 1857 etc.

- 22. Aeroplanes-** The Sukhoi, The Jet Airways etc.
- 23. Political Parties-** The BJP, The Congress, The AAP, The JDU, etc.
- 24. Inventions-** The Telescope, The Telephone, The Radio etc.
- 25. Religious communities-** The Hindus, The Muslims etc.
- 26. Clubs-** The Rotary Club, The Lions Club, etc.
- 27. Cups & Trophies-** The World Cup, The Ranji Trophy, The Singer Cup etc.
- 28. The organs of government-** The Indian Penal code, The Legislature, The Lok Sabha, The Rajya Sabha, The Supreme Court etc.

- 29. The armed forces-** The Navy, The Air Force, The Police, The Army etc.
- 30. Nationality (plural)-** The Greeks, The Indians etc.
- 31. Dynasties-** The Marathas, The Peshwas, etc.
- 32. Empires-** The British Empire etc.
- 33. Centuries-** The Sixth Century, The First Century etc.
- 34. Musical instruments-** The Flute, The Violin, The Guitar, The Tabla etc.

NOTE: *'The' is not used before 'Everest' because it is not a mountain range but peak. (चोटी)*

'Man/Woman/Mankind' used in general sense to represent human race are used without article.

(i) Man is mortal. (used in general sense)

Before an adjective when it represents a class of persons.

[The + Adjective = plural noun (वैसे लोग)]

(i) **The** rich should help **the** poor.

(ii) **The** old are respected by **the** young.

In Double comparison

(i) **The** higher you go, **the** colder it is.

Before comparative degree with 'of the two'

(i) She is **the** weaker of the two sisters.

(ii) Which is **the** more beautiful of the two sisters?

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In certain idiomatic phrases.

- (i) In **the** wrong
- (ii) On **the** contrary
- (iii) In **the** town
- (iv) Benefit of the doubt
- (v) In **the** air
- (vi) Speak **the** truth
- (vii) With **the** naked eye.

The Omission of Articles

The article 'A/An, The' omitted—

निम्न जगह **article** का प्रयोग नहीं होता।

(1). Before proper noun.

- (i) Shakespeare was the greatest dramatist of all times.
- (ii) Delhi is the capital of India.

Note: (a) *When article is used before proper nouns, they become common nouns.*

- (b) **'The'** before a proper noun is used for the sake of comparison.

- eg.**
- (i) This man is a Shylock. (a greedy person)
 - (ii) Samudragupta was the Napoleon of his age.

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Before name of language.

- (i) Chinese is a difficult language.
- (ii) He knows Sanskrit.

But

The + language = Speaker of the language

e.g. (i) The English defeated the French.

In certain phrases.

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| a) To lose heart. ✓ | (b) Last but not least. |
| c) At last. | (d) To catch fire. |
| e) To give ear. | (f) To send word. ✗ |
| g) By day. | (h) In hand. ✓ |
| i) ✓ At sunrise. | (j) ✓ By name. |
| k) At home. | |

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1. One of my friends lives in the U.S.A.

2. The Lok Sabha passed a bill yesterday.

3. You are a good publisher; I have x little doubt regarding your success.

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4. The Prince of Wales found himself in a dilemma.

5. What an innings it has been!

6. The industrious are rewarded.

7. They have joined a three-year course.

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8. Nirala is considered to be an ideal student.

9. He is an heir to a vast property.

10. My father is a lover of the Ramayana.

11. X wisdom is a great virtue.