

ARTICLES

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A

AN

THE

Articles

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Indefinite

(General Things)

We use

'a' or 'an'

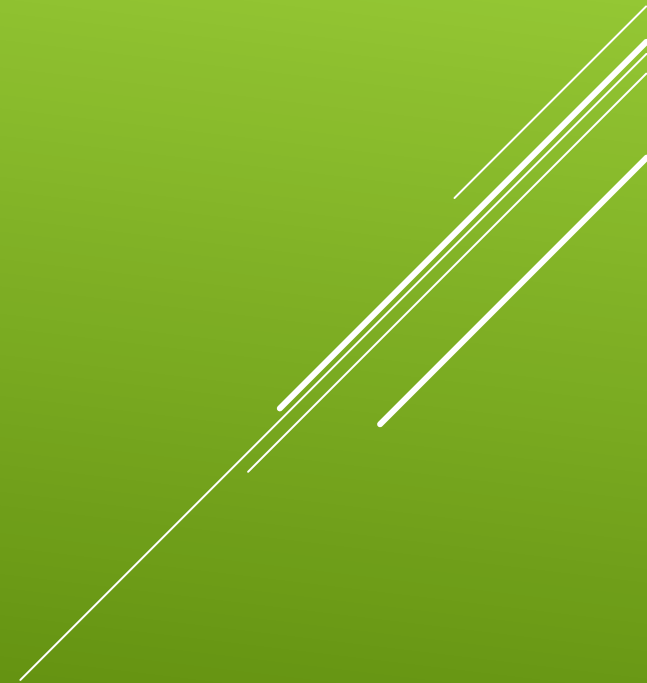
Definite

(Specific Things)

We use

'The'







Article Supports the noun which follows.

Riya is intelligent. (Right)

Riya is an intelligent. (Wrong)

Riya is an intelligent girl. (Right)

Riya is a very intelligent girl. (Right)

USE OF INDEFINITE ARTICLE 'A'

1. 'A' is used before singular countable nouns (common nouns) starting with consonants.

Example: A pen, A room, A boy etc.

I need to buy a cycle.

A beggar is sitting on the footpath.

2. 'A' is used before the singular words starting with vowels but pronouncing consonants.

Example:

A one rupee note

A European

A unique place

A university

A uniform

A universal problem

3. 'A' is used in the sense of one (number).

Example: He couldn't speak a word.

4. 'A' is used with units and rates.
(singular/per value)

Example:

I bought the mangoes for 90 rupees a
kg.

He earns \$1500 a week.

5. 'A' is used in exclamatory sentences before singular nouns.

Example:

What a beautiful scene!

What a cute child!

6. 'A' is used before the expressions of quantity or words denoting numbers.

Example:

A dozen

A couple of

A million

A hundred

7. When a proper noun is treated as a common noun to express quality. (without specifying someone)

Example:

A Tendulkar lives in my neighborhood.

There was a Sherlock Holmes in my college.

8. 'A' is used before the name of a person unknown to the speaker.

Example:

A Mr. Gupta has purchased this house.

A Ms. Kriti has sent a Christmas present for you.

9. With meal when it is described with an adjective (to celebrate something or in someone's honor)

Example:

A quick dinner was arranged to welcome their guests.

I called my friends to a lavish lunch party to celebrate my success.