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**Definitions**

**1/** **Indefinite Articles (A/AN):** refer to general thing instead of a particular one.

**2/** **Definite Article (THE):** refers to a particular thing instead of a general one.

**Articles (A, An, The)**

* **Rule 01:**

**a/-**Use the article **(a)** before consonant sound, **eg**: **a** cat- **a** boy- **a** house- **a** tree.

**b/-** Use the article **(an)** before vowel sound, **eg**: **an** apple- **an** engineer- **an** ice-cream.

* **Rule 02:**

-Use the articles (**a** or **an**) only with singular countable nouns, eg: an elephant – a car

**Exercise 02:** Identify the errors:

**1**- A cell phone. **6**- A water.

**2**- An easy question. **7**- A table.

**3**- An orange shirts. **8**- An idea.

**4**- A pretty woman. **9**- A doctors.

**5**- A happiness. **10**- An advice.

**Note:**

The article **(The)** can be used with **all kinds of nouns**: singular, plural, countable, and uncountable nouns.

* **Rule 03:**

**a/-** Use the article (a or an) to talk about a person or thing unknown to your listener.

**b/-** Use the article (The) to talk about a person or thing known to your listener.

**Exercise 03:** Fill the gaps with the appropriate article (a, an, or the):

**1-** My sister has two computers:.......PC and......laptop**.** .........PC is quite old but.......laptop is brand new.

**2-** I planted.........tree in my garden last year**.**........ tree has now grown big.

**3-** I planted ............................trees in my garden last year. .........trees have now gown big.

* **Rule 04:**

**-**Use **No article** or **“0”** article in these situations.

**1-** **Proper nouns:** Day- New-York- city- Monday- Dog.

**2-** **Names of people:** Steve- Lisa- Sara- Ahmed.

**3-** **Places:** Japan- Australia- Mumbai- Algeria.

\*The United states**-** The united kingdom- the Netherlands- the West Indies- the Himalayas- the Middle East.

**4- Names of Games:** Chess- Golf- Tennis.

**5- Languages:** French- Spanish- Arabic- English.

**6-** **Fixed Expressions:** at home- at work- church- school- college- at night- at noon- on Sunday.

**Exercise 04:** Complete the blanks with **(a, an, the, or 0 article)**

**1-** **A:** Sally has got .........cat.

**B:** What is .......cat’s name?

**2- A:** Can you give me .......envelope, please?

**B:** Certainly. Oh! Where’s ........envelope?

**3- A:** Can you play .......guitar?

**B:** No, i can’t, but i can play ..........piano.

**4- A:** Do you often come to ......work on foot?

**B:** No, I don’t .

**5- A:** The school is very cold. Hasn’t it got........central heating system?

**B:** It has, but .......central heating is broken down.