

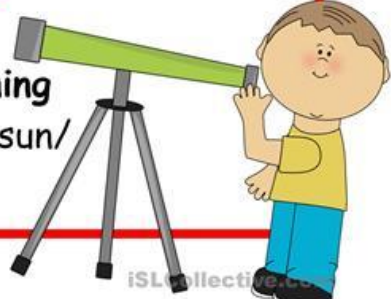


Definite Article 'the' Usage



1. before specific countable and uncountable nouns- singular and plural: **the** soap/**the** dog/**the** cats
2. something or someone already mentioned
3. before the superlative: **the** best student in the class
4. musical instruments- **the** guitar/**the** piano
5. nationalities: **the** Greeks, **the** French
6. family names: **the** Browns, **the** Clintons
7. hotels: **The** Ritz, **The** Grande Bretagne, **the** Hilton
8. cinemas: **The** Odean/ **The** Palace
9. newspapers: **The** New York Times/**The** Guardian
10. organizations: **The** Boy Scouts/**The** Red Cross
11. seas, rivers, oceans: **the** Aegean Sea/**the** Pacific Ocean
12. deserts: **the** Sahara Desert, **the** Gobi Desert
13. mountain ranges: **The** Alps, **The** Himalayas
14. groups of Islands: **the** Seychelles/**the** Cyclades
15. some countries: **the** USA/ **the** UK/ **the** Netherlands
16. dates: **the** first of May
17. **the** morning, **the** afternoon, **the** evening
18. before: unique people and things: **the** sun/**the** moon/**the** Pope/ **the** president



WHEN TO USE NO ARTICLE

1

- To talk about things in general
e.g. **Milk** is good for you.

2

- To talk about sports and games
e.g. Let's go and play **basketball**.



3

- Before the names of countries
e.g. Japan, France, Italy, etc. Except: the UK, the US, etc.

4

- Before the name of language
e.g. We are learning **English**.



5

- Before the names of railway stations when they are also place names

6

- Before the names of meals
e.g. They invited some friends to **dinner**.

7

- Before NOUN + NUMBER
e.g. The laboratory is in **room 6** on the third floor.



NAME: _____

DATE: _____

GRAMMAR QUIZ**ARTICLES: A and AN**

- Complete each sentence by choosing a, an, or Ø (no word).

1. I see Maria every day in my ... English class.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
2. There is ... cat on the sofa. It's sleeping.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
3. I ate ... egg for breakfast this morning.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
4. This is ... interesting book. I think you should read it.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
5. John has ... horse that he rides on weekends.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
6. Hurry! The train will leave in ... hour.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
7. How many ... pencils are on the table?
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
8. My family and I want to travel to South America in ... June.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
9. Could I please have ... glass of water?
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
10. Thomas never lies. He is ... honest person.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
11. It's raining outside. I need ... umbrella.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
12. Are you hungry? There are ... cookies on the table.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
13. It takes me ... long time to get to work.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
14. One of my classmates is from ... Norway.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
15. Question 14 was ... easy question.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø
16. I think these questions are quite ... easy.
a) a
b) an
c) Ø

15 – 16 = Excellent

13 – 14 = Good

11 – 12 = Study More!

Fill the gaps with **a/an**, **the** or **x** if it isn't necessary to use any article.

1. He is very nice man.
2. They are brave girls.
3. farmhouses in my village were rather poor.
4. He told me story of his life.
5. This is a good example.
6. roof of house was on fire.
7. We are pupils.
8. Those were interesting books.
9. Look at top of that tree.
10. I am good sailor.
11. frame of that picture is broken.
12. John has become driver.
13. It was very long way to go.
14. We stopped at door of his hut.
15. cover of my English book is red.
16. Henry and Peter were good sportsmen.
17. last days of my stay in London were most interesting.
18. She was good actress.
19. This exception.
20. banks of river were very steep.

1. I bought pair of shoes.
2. I saw movie last night.
3. They are staying at hotel.
4. Look at woman over there! She is a famous actress.
5. I do not like basketball.
6. That is girl I told you about.
7. night is quiet. Let's take a walk!
8. price of gas keeps rising.
9. John traveled to Mexico.
10. Juan is Spanish.
11. I read amazing story yesterday.
12. My brother doesn't eat chicken.
13. love is such beautiful thing.
14. I live in apartment. apartment is new.
15. I would like piece of cake.
16. I was in Japanese restaurant. restaurant served good food.
17. Sara can play guitar.
18. Are you coming to party next Saturday?
19. I bought new TV set yesterday.
20. I think man over there is very ill. He can't stand on his feet.
21. I watched video you had sent me.
22. She was wearing ugly dress when she met him.
23. I am crazy about reading history books.
24. She is nice girl.
25. Do you want to go to restaurant where we first met?
26. He is engineer.
27. He thinks that love is what will save us all.
28. Did you get married after leaving university ?
29. I was at train station when you called me.
30. I left work at six o'clock pm.

31. They are opening new shops here.
32. She was returning from school when I met her.
33. She has a strong alibi. She was at cinema at the moment the crime was committed.
34. Are you going to beach this afternoon?
35. He went to prison for domestic violence.
36. The kids are sitting at table eating cereals.
37. Are you at home?

Name: _____

Articles: a, an or the?

Complete the sentences using a, an or the.

1. Picasso was _____ artist.
2. He is _____ honest man.
3. I study at _____ small university in London.
4. We used to live in _____ city centre.
5. Are you _____ teacher?
6. It takes me _____ hour to get to work.
7. My cousin is _____ surgeon.
8. It looks like it's going to rain. Do you have _____ umbrella?
9. I have _____ one year old daughter.
10. Singer Justin Bieber comes from _____ ordinary family.
11. These days Angelina Jolie enjoys _____ life of _____ Hollywood film star.
12. My brother lives in _____ apartment in _____ city centre.
13. School children in _____ UK have to wear _____ uniform.
14. Is there _____ petrol station near here?
15. It's very near here. Go straight on and it's on _____ left.
16. Is France _____ European country?
17. I've got _____ spare ticket for tonight's concert. Do you want to come?
18. Simon thought he heard burglars so he rushed downstairs and phoned _____ police.
19. Do you want to go to _____ cinema tonight?
20. I am reading _____ really good book.

ARTICLES – THE, A, -

1. In _____ our town, _____ people can go to _____ theatre.
2. This is _____ car, I saw yesterday in front of our house.
3. You can see _____ moon today, _____ sky is clear.
4. Peter is in _____ hospital, he has _____ problems with _____ his heart.
5. We will meet in _____ restaurant, where we were _____ last weekend.
6. Jane is wearing _____ gloves, it must be very cold outside.
7. Kate usually goes to _____ work at 8 p.m.
8. Richard's father is _____ lawyer. He is _____ great!
9. Helena plays _____ table tennis once a week. She is _____ great tennis player!
10. Lisa comes from _____ school about 6 o'clock.
11. I don't play _____ violin, I play _____ piano.
12. Give me _____ book, please.
13. I like reading _____ old books.
14. _____ old books are very valuable, I got them from my granny.
15. _____ roses are popular flowers in _____ Czech Republic.
16. Can I open _____ window?
17. I need _____ new jeans.
18. I know _____ his wife.
19. We rarely drink _____ milk.
20. _____ milk is spoilt.
21. She is reading _____ old book. _____ book is about nature.
22. We enjoyed _____ our holidays. _____ hotel was _____ luxurious!
23. Adam is in _____ living room.
24. It is _____ beautiful evening. Let's go for _____ walk.
25. Rosa is _____ student, she studies at _____ university. She wants to be _____ doctor. She lives with _____ friends in _____ flat near _____ university. _____ flat isn't _____ expensive.
26. John and Susan have three children, _____ boy and _____ twin-girls. _____ boy is 11 and _____ girls are 13. John works in _____ factory and Susan is _____ teacher. She works in _____ city centre.
27. I don't watch _____ TV, when _____ weather is lovely.
28. _____ sun isn't shining today, it is cloudy.