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| **Articles: Definite and Indefinite** |
| **FORM: Definite: THE Indefinite: A, AN**  **USES:**   * **a** is used with singular countable nouns that begins with a consonant: ***a*** *dog,* ***a*** *pineapple* * **an** is used with singular countable nouns that begins with a vowel sound: ***an*** *apple,* ***an*** *office*   Note: ***a*** *uniform* (here, the u has a consonant sound like yellow); ***a****n hour* (here, the h is silent)   * **the** can be used with **singular** or **plural** nouns, or with **uncountable** nouns:   ***the*** *teacher,* ***the*** *people,* ***the*** *water*   * **a** is used to speak of a thing in **general: *A*** *chair has legs. = Chairs have legs.*   Which chair has legs? All chairs have legs.  Note: There is no article when the noun, used in a general way, is plural.   * **the** is used to speak of a **specific** thing: **The** desk in Carol’s office is broken.   Which desk is broken? The desk in Carol’s office.   * **a** is used when the speaker uses a noun for the first **time** (unspecific): **A** woman is crossing the road. Which woman is crossing the road? * **the** is used if the noun is used again. (specific): John has **a** T-shirt on. **The** T-shirt is purple.   Which T-shirt is purple?   * **the** is not used with most proper names: Canada, Montreal, David * **the** is used if there is a clause (indicated here with [ ] )modifying the noun: **The** man who is standing on the corner [is my brother]. * **the** is used: With job titles if only one person has that title: ***the*** *President,* ***the*** *pope*   With things that are unique if they are singular: ***the*** *Eiffel Tower,* but *Niagara Falls*  With names that include ‘of’: ***The*** *United States of America*  With countries whose names are in a plural form: ***The*** *Netherlands*  With groups of islands if their names are plural: ***The*** *Bahamas,* ***The*** *Philippines*  With nationalities: **the** Egyptians, **the** Swiss, **the** British  With rivers, seas and oceans: **the** Saint-Lawrence, **the** Atlantic  With mountains, deserts and forests: **the** Rockies, **the** Amazon, **the** Sahara |
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| *Write AN, A or Ø (no article).* | |
| 1. | Adam likes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_cats. |
| 2. | Her boyfriend gave her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_umbrella. |
| 3. | \_\_\_\_\_ yoghurt is good for you. |
| 4. | There is \_\_\_\_\_\_ lamp on my desk. |
| 5. | There are\_\_\_\_\_\_ students in the classroom. |
| 6. | Frank bought \_\_\_\_\_\_ blue pen. |
| 7. | Luke went to \_\_\_\_\_\_ Niagara Falls on vacation last month. |
| *Write THE or Ø (no article).* | |
| 1. | “\_\_\_\_\_\_music on the radio is too boring; please, change the station!” |
| 2. | I saw \_\_\_\_\_\_ House of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parliament in \_\_\_\_\_\_ Ottawa, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ White House in \_\_\_\_\_\_ Washington and \_\_\_\_\_\_Kremlin in \_\_\_\_\_\_ Moscow. |
| 3. | I walked \_\_\_\_\_\_ streets of \_\_\_\_\_\_ New York, \_\_\_\_\_\_ Berlin, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ Singapore last year. |
| 4. | He came here directly from \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mexico. |
| 5. | They say that \_\_\_\_\_\_Greek people are friendly. |
| 6. | Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are now traveling in \_\_\_\_\_\_ Brazil. |
| 7. | He has always lived in \_\_\_\_\_\_ United Kingdom. |
| 8. | Does John speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English well? |
| 9.  10. | Last year Hanna visited \_\_\_\_\_ Czech Republic and \_\_\_\_\_ Philippines.  They crossed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Atlantic Ocean. |

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| *Use A, AN, THE or Ø (no article).* | |
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| 1. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tea which we import from \_\_\_\_\_\_China is now very expensive. |
| 2. | When we were in \_\_\_\_\_\_ Italy, we saw \_\_\_\_\_\_Leaning Tower of Pisa. |
| 3. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ American businessmen staying in that hotel use their cell phones a lot. |
| 4. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_American businessmen often tip very well. |
| 5. | We all took a walk along \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 42nd Street. |
| 6 | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ buses on Sherbrooke Street move very slowly. |
| 7. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Professor Lundy chaired yesterday’s meeting. |
| 8. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ President will speak about his economic plan at the next summit. |
| 9. | When we were in \_\_\_\_\_\_ British Colombia, we climbed \_\_\_\_\_\_ Rocky Mountains. |
| 10. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Doctor Jones is an excellent surgeon. |
| 11. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doctor told me that I must rest more. |
| 12. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ food at that restaurant is very healthy. |
| 13. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_book, which Sam is reading now, belongs to Helen. |
| 14. | There is \_\_\_\_\_\_ apple on \_\_\_\_\_\_ table in the kitchen. |
| 15. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cabin that John is building has \_\_\_\_\_\_ stone fireplace. |
| 16. | The group plans to travel down \_\_\_\_\_\_ Ganges next summer. |
| 17. | He wants to make a reservation at \_\_\_\_\_\_ same hotel he stayed in last time. |
| 18. | When I was in \_\_\_\_\_\_ Toronto, I spoke to \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor. |