

## No article (Zero article)

When a noun is not preceded by a definite article (the) or indefinite article (a, an), we use zero article.

### THE USE OF NO ARTICLE

#### 1) We use no article with proper names

##### EXAMPLES

- **Sarah** is my cousin.
- Where's **Grandpa Michael**?

#### 2) We use no article with uncountable nouns when we are referring in general

##### EXAMPLES

- **Water** is an important resource.
- **Fiber** is important for the health of the digestive system.
- I love **democracy**.
- I like listening to **music**.
- She's a vegetarian. She doesn't eat **meat**.

#### 3) We use no article with plural countable nouns when we are referring in general

##### EXAMPLES

- **Dogs** are commonly referred to as "man's best friend".
- **Rich people** think and behave differently.

#### 4) We use no article with the names of languages

##### EXAMPLES

- **Chinese** is not more difficult than other languages.
- I'd like to speak **French**.

## 5) We use no article with the names of meals

### EXAMPLES

- What would you like for **breakfast**?
- **Lunch** is ready!
- I felt sleepy after **dinner**.

## 6) We use no article with the names of games or sports

### EXAMPLE

- **Baseball** is the king of sports in the Dominican Republic.

## 7) We use no article with the names of days, months, seasons, holidays and parts of the day

### EXAMPLES

- See you on **Monday**.
- Many Americans celebrate Halloween on **October 31**.
- I love **summer**.
- On **St. Patrick's Day** everybody wears green.
- Are you coming over for **Christmas**?
- **Mother's Day** celebration in Mexico takes place on May 10.
- The stars shine at **night**.
- The sun had set, and **dusk** settled over the ocean.

There are some exceptions with the parts of the day: in the morning / afternoon / evening.

## 8) We use no article with the names of continents, countries, cities, towns, streets, single lakes and single mountains

### EXAMPLES

- **Asia** is Earth's largest and most populous continent.
- I live in **Brazil**.
- My address is 1520 **Green Street**.
- She lives near **Lake Superior**.
- I've climbed **Mount Everest**.

There are some exceptions: The US (The United States), The UK (The United Kingdom), The Philippines, The Netherlands, The Czech Republic, etc.

## 9) We use no article with routine places

### EXAMPLES

- I'm going to **bed**.
- They went to **school** yesterday.
- I'm at **home** right now.
- I go to **work** every day by train.

## 10) We use no article with means of transport (in expression with *by*)

### EXAMPLES

- She usually goes to work by **bus**.

## 11) We use no article in exclamations with what + uncountable noun

### EXAMPLES

- What **beautiful weather**!

## 12) We use no article with academic subjects

### EXAMPLES

- He studied **Law** at university.
- I like **English**.

## 13) We use no article with names of companies

### EXAMPLES

- Bill Gates founded **Microsoft**.
- **Facebook** is a popular free social networking website.

## 14) We use no article with names of universities

### EXAMPLES

- Claire goes to **Harvard**.

**15) We use no article with noun + number**

EXAMPLE

- Charles is staying at the Plaza hotel in **room 511**.

**16) We use no article with years**

EXAMPLE

- 1998 was the best year in film history.