

HOW TO USE ARTICLES

An article is a word used to modify a noun, basically, it's an adjective. English has two types of articles: the (definite article) and a/an (indefinite articles).

They're used very often and are very important for using English accurately.



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A

Before a consonant

Before a vowel but consonant sound

Before a pronounced "h"

a car, a Friday, a 15-year old girl
a university, a European, a one
a horse

AN

Before a vowel

Before an unpronounced (mute) "h"

Before a consonant but vowel sound

an orange, an eye, an alligator
an hour, an honest, an honor
an "F", an MVP

THE

Before a noun which has already been previously mentioned

To indicate a noun that is unique or there is only one

Before superlative adjectives

To talk about the whole population of a country or region

To indicate all the members of a family

To talk about musical instruments

To talk about directions (cardinal points)

I lost the wallet you gave me yesterday.

The Nile is a river in Africa.

It's the largest river in the world.

The British drink too much tea.

The Simpsons live in Springfield.

She plays the piano every day.

the north