

Articles

There are some words that go with nouns and tell us something about them. These words are called **adjectives**.

Articles are the adjectives a, an, and the. A and an are called indefinite articles. They can refer to any one of a kind of person, place, thing or idea.

A is used before consonant sounds.

An is used before vowel sounds.

The is the definite article. It refers to a specific person, place, thing or idea.

Examples:

He found **a** ring.

I ate **an** egg.

I have **the** ruler.

Exercise 1

Write in **a** or **an**.

1. ___man
2. ___book
3. ___box
4. ___egg
5. ___ rabbit
6. ___ flower
7. ___ journey
8. ___ dog
9. ___lion
10. ___ headache
11. ___ animal
12. ___city

13. ___aligator
14. ___ fairy
15. ___ eye
16. ___ desk
17. ___ bottle
18. ___ old car
19. ___ red apple
20. ___apple
21. ___ axe
22. ___ large fence
23. ___ clever boy

Write **a**, **an**, and **the** in the following sentences.

1. This book is ____ good one.
2. I bought ____ apple from ____ shop in the High Street.
3. Will you give me ____ pen for ____ moment?
4. We'll have lunch at ____ hotel that I know in Johnson Square.
5. Here it is, ____ Crown Hotel.
6. Come on boys, we'll take ____ bus now.
7. ____ big red bus came along marked London Bridge.
8. "That's ____ bus we want," said Mr. Brown.
9. As I got bodily into ____ apple barrel and found there was hardly ____ apple left.
10. I had either fallen asleep or was on the point of doing so, when ____ heavy man sat down with rather ____ clash close by.
11. I dug up ____ piece of ground.
12. I sowed some of the seeds, leaving about ____ handful of each.

Write your own sentences using **a**, **an**, and **the**.


