

The indefinite articles A/AN and the definite article THE

The indefinite article

* The indefinite article A/AN is used before singular countables nouns. We use A before nouns beginning with a consonant sound and AN before nouns beginning with a vowel sound.

 a dog **an umbrella**

* We use A/AN to say what somebody/something is or what someone's job is .

 My brother is a doctor. **A dictionary is a book.**

* We don't use A/AN with uncountable nouns. We use some instead.

 some sugar **some milk**

* We don't use A/AN before an adjective when there's no noun after it. But when there's a noun after it, we use A/AN according to the first sound of the adjective.

 I've got a flat in the center of the city.

 It's big. It's also comfortable.

The definite article

* The definite article THE is used when it is clear which thing or person we are talking about, for example when the noun is mentioned for a second time or is already known.

 I can see a cat. The cat is white.

* We use THE with nouns which are unique and before the names of musical instruments.

 the earth **the sun** **the sky**

 the piano **the guitar** **the violin**

* We also use THE before the names of rivers, seas/oceans, mountain ranges, deserts, group of islands/states, families and nationalities.

 the river Thames **the Sahara** **the Smiths**

 the Pacific **the USA** **the Chinese**

* We don't use THE with plural nouns when we talk about them in general.

 Scorpions are very dangerous. **Elephants live in Africa.**

• We don't use THE before proper nouns or names of meals or games/sports.

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That is jack . □ □ □ I like playing tennis .

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* We don't use THE with the words "school, church, prison, home, bed, hospital" when we refer to the purpose for which they exist.

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Michael is in prison. (= he is a prisoner)
George is in hospital. (= he is ill)

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What are these people ? Write their jobs. Remember to use A or An .

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vet - artist - singer - pilot - bus driver - actress

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1- He paints pictures.

He 's an artist .

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2 - She sings in a chorus.

She's _____ .

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3 - He looks after ill animals.

He's _____ .

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4 - He flies an airplane.

_____ .

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5 - She acts in plays and films.

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6 - He drives buses.

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Rewrite the sentences. Remember to use THE.

1) He's a violin player.

He plays the violin.

2) She's a flute player.

She plays _____ .

3) We are cello players.

_____ .

4) He is a guitarist.

_____ .

5) They are trumpet players.

_____ .

6) I'm a saxophone player.

_____ .

Choose the correct answer

1) the chocolate or chocolate?

A _____ is bad for my liver.

B _____ is on the table.

2) the bread or bread?

A She doesn't like _____.

B I like _____ in that shop.

3) fish or the fish?

A The Japanese eat a lot of _____.

B _____ is in the fridge.

4) children or the children?

A I know _____ in this photograph.

B _____ need love.

5) English people or the English people?

A Who are _____ with Susan?

B _____ drink lots of tea.

Correct the mistakes.

1) Janet is a author.

2) Paul is at the home.

3) Earth is a planet.

4) We've got an small house.

5) I have got a water.

6) The Chinese people eat lots of rice.

7) The Harry is a doctor.

8) A Smiths are my neighbours.

9) The golf is a nice game.

10) The Pyramids are in the Egypt.

Choose the correct answer

- a shower or the shower?

A_ _____ is broken at the moment.

B_ There isn't _____ ~~bathtubs~~

- a garden or the garden?

A_ Their house has got _____.

B_ Lukøoutside in _____.

- a photograph or the photograph?

A_ Look at _____ on this wall!

B_ I've got _____ ~~rad Rit~~ on my wall.

- a man or the man?

A_ I can see two women and _____ in that car.

B_ Who is _____ in the photograph?

- a lady or the lady?

A_ There's _____ at the door.

B_ Who's _____ in red?

Fill in A, AN or THE when necessary

Nick is from _____ France. He's got two sisters and _____ brother.

They live with their parents in _____ big flat in Paris. Nick has got lot of

hobbies. He likes _____ basketball and he plays _____ drums.

He has got _____ blue car. He drives to _____ work every day.

He likes his job because his boss is _____ kind man.

Claire lives in _____ New York. She is _____ teacher. She

works in _____ Private School. She goes to work in _____

afternoon. She starts work at 13:00 and she goes home at 18:00 in _____

evening. She likes her job because she loves _____ children.