





# Indefinite articles

**a** and **an**

are used before singular  
countable nouns



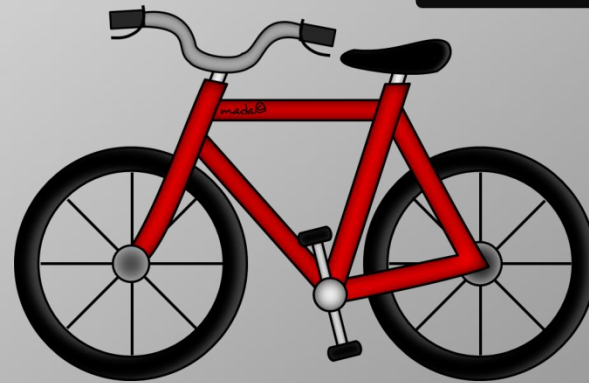
# Indefinite articles

a

is used before a singular  
noun beginning with a  
consonant



a cat



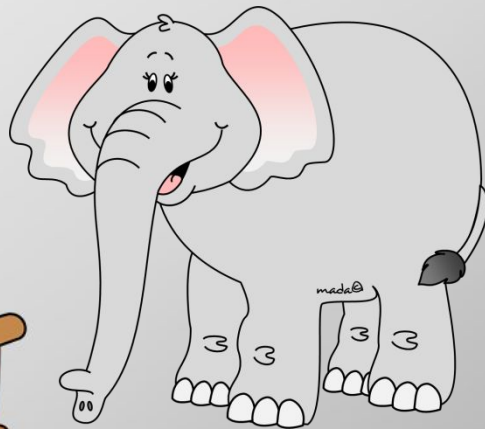
a bike



# Indefinite articles

**an**

is used before a singular  
noun beginning with a vowel



**an** elephant



**an** umbrella

Director

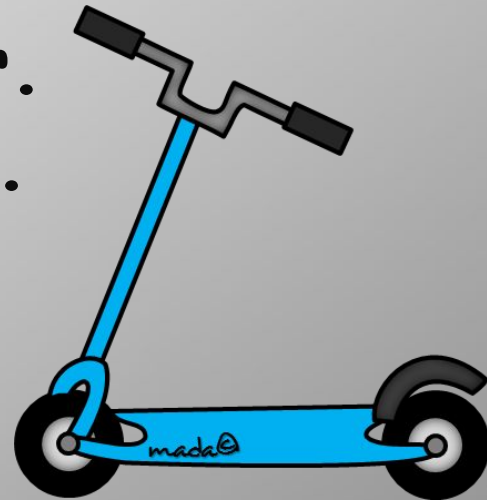
# Definite article

## the

is used before singular and plural nouns when the noun is specific or particular

I can see a scooter.

**The** scooter is blue.





# Definite article

**the**

is used with nouns that are  
unique

**the** moon, **the** sky,  
**the** sun, **the** Pope, etc.



# Definite article

## the

is used before the names of rivers,  
seas/oceans, mountain ranges,  
deserts and groups of islands

**the** Amazon, **the** Pacific,  
**the** Alps, **the** Sahara,  
**the** Canaries, etc.



# Definite article

**the**

is used before countries whose names contain words like kingdom, states or republic

**the** United Kingdom,  
**the** United States,  
etc.





# Definite article

**the**

is used before the names of  
musical instruments

**the** flute, **the** violin,  
etc.



# Definite article

**the**

is used before nationalities  
and names of families

**the** British, **the** Italians,  
**the** Jacksons, **the** Greens  
etc.



# Definite article

**the**

is used with superlative  
adjectives

Mike is the tallest boy in  
our class.



# Definite article

**the**

is used with hotels, pubs,  
restaurants, cinemas, theatres

**the** Ritz Hotel, **the** Odeon,  
**the** Palace Theatre,  
etc.



# Definite article

**the**

is used when the place name  
contains *of*-phrase

**the** Statue **of** Liberty,  
**the** Tower **of** London,  
etc.





Don't use

**the**

before proper nouns

This is ~~the~~ Steve.



Don't use

**the**

with continents, countries,  
towns, streets or lakes

Asia, Germany, Madrid,  
Oxford Street, Lake  
Michigan,  
etc.



Don't use

**the**

with names of mountains or  
islands

Mount Everest, Mount  
Teide, Sicily, Bermuda,  
etc.



# Don't use

## the

before names of meals or  
games and sports

breakfast, lunch, dinner  
tennis, snowboard,  
volleyball, etc.

