

# ARTICLES

Definite and indefinite

# ARTICLES USE

	COUNTABLE NOUNS - SINGULAR	COUNTABLE NOUNS – PLURAL	UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS
INDEFINITE ARTICLE (A/AN)	√	x	x
DEFINITE ARTICLE (THE)	√	√	√
ZERO ARTICLE	x	√	√

# COUNTABLE NOUNS - SINGULAR

- There is a man at the door.
- The man is asking about you.

# COUNTABLE NOUNS - PLURAL

- Lions are dangerous animals.
- The zoo keeper was attacked by the lions.

# UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- Money makes the world go round.
- Give me back the money you owe me.
  
- Love makes the world go round.
- The love between Romeo and Juliet was great.

# DEFINITE ARTICLE - THE

- I saw the teacher today. / Give me the book.
- The Earth moves round the sun.
- The plane is faster than the train./ The elephant is the largest land mammal.
- She plays the violin.
- She is the best student in the class.
- This is the second day of my journey.

## DEFINITE ARTICLE – THE

- Buildings: the Empire State Building, the White House, the Eiffel Tower
- the Acropolis, the Kremlin, the Pentagon
- Institutions: the European Union, the BBC, the Red Cross, the FBI, the British Council, the Ministry of Defence, the Houses of Parliament
- Hotels/restaurants: the Majestic, the Sheraton Hotel, the Bombay Restaurant
- Cinemas/theatres: the Odeon (Cinema), the Royal Theatre
- Museums/galleries: the Louvre, the British Museum, the Tate Gallery

# DEFINITE ARTICLE – THE

- Rivers: the Danube, the Hudson
- Mountain ranges: the Alps, the Andes
- Seas: the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea,
- Oceans: the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean
- Newspapers and magazines: the Times, the Washington Post, the Daily Mail, the Guardian



# DEFINITE ARTICLE – THE

- Names of nationalities in plural form: the English, the Japanese
- Names in plural form: the Taylors, the Netherlands, the Bahamas
- Adjectives used as nouns: the poor, the rich, the young, the old
- Sides of the world; the north, the south, in the east, the Middle East, the Far East
- But: northern Europe, southern Serbia, North America

# ZERO ARTICLE

- Personal names: Helen Taylor
- Titles: Mr/Ms/Captain/Doctor/President + name (Mr Smith, Ms Jones, Captain Grant, Doctor Ann Taylor, President Putin, Princess Maria etc
- Continents: Africa, Europe, South America
- Countries: France, Japan, Serbia **but** The United Kingdom, The United States of America, The United Arab Emirates, The Czech Republic
- Islands: Sicily, Crete, Corfu
- Cities: New York, Belgrade, Moscow, Paris
- Mountains/Peaks: Everest, Etna, Kilimanjaro
- Lakes: Lake Superior, Lake Windermere

# ZERO ARTICLE

- Streets, squares, parks: Wall Street, Times Square, Hyde Park
- Some public buildings and institutions: Manchester Airport, Victoria Station, Harvard University, Buckingham Palace
- Names of churches: St Patrick's Cathedral, St John's Church, Westminster Abbey
- Names of companies: Fiat, Kodak, Sonny
- Days, months, seasons: on Monday, in September, in winter
- Meals: have breakfast, prepare dinner

# ZERO ARTICLE

- Fixed expressions:
  - To be at work/ go to work/ start work/ finish work
  - To be at home/ come home/ arrive home
  - Go to bed
  - Catch fire
  - Set sail
  - Shake hands
  - Lose courage
  - By land
  - Hand in hand
  - By heart
  - On board

# ZERO ARTICLE OR DEFINITE ARTICLE

- School/ the school
  - Alice goes to school every day. School starts at 8 and finishes at 12.
  - Alice's mother wants to speak to her daughter's teacher, so she is going to the school today.
- Prison/ the prison
  - Ken's brother is in prison for robbery.
  - Ken went to the prison to visit his brother.
- Hospital/ the hospital
  - Joe is in hospital. (as a patient)
  - Jane has gone to the hospital to visit him.
- Church/ the church
  - My grandma goes to church every Sunday.
  - - Some workmen went to the church to repair the roof.

# INDEFINITE ARTICLE A/AN

- Countable singular nouns mentioned for the first time:
  - She has a cat and a dog.
- Noun referring to the name of a species:
  - A cat is an animal.
- In the following expressions:
  - Eight hours a day/ five pounds a kilo/ twice a day/ three times a week/ once a year
- Expressions defining profession or a characteristic:
  - I am a good driver./ She is a really nice person.
  - She is a doctor./ He is an architect.