

## ARTICLE

- Indefinite article [a, an]
- Definite article [the]

### POSITION OF ARTICLE:

Position of article	Example
• Article + noun	• Mr. Rishad is a teacher.
• Article + adjective + noun	• Mr. Rishad is a good teacher.
• Article + adverb + adjective + noun.	• Mr. Rishad is a very good teacher.
• Article [the] + adjective [ as a subject]	• The poor lead a miserable life.

COMMON USE OF A / AN	EXAMPLE
• A/An placed after predetermines like many/ such / rather / quite/ what.	• Many a man was injured. • She is quite a beauty.
• A/AN used before singular countable noun	• A bus, a chair, an umbrella.
• A/AN used before a singular noun denoting profession, occupation, post, rank, caste, community, religion, nationality or political loyalty.	• He is a teacher. • He is a German. • He is a socialist.
• A/AN used before a verb used as a noun.	• He went for a walk.
• A/AN used before name but the identity is not known to the speaker.	• A Rakesh came to meet me.
• A/AN used before the name of a person or country or province to compare with other/others	• I see, you are a Nazrul.
• Some common idioms and phrases with a/an	• A few, a little, a lot of, a great deal of, a long way, a variety of, as a result, at a glance, at a loss.

### USE OF A

• Used before a word beginning with a consonant sound.	• a cat, a book, a fan.
• Words beginning with E/U and sound like 'EU'	• a unit, a utensil, a union, a ewe, a university.
• Words beginning with O and sound like 'OA'	• a one eyed man.
• Used before abbreviations and the sound of first letter like consonant.	• a B.A, a B.Com.
• A is used before the superlative "most" when it means 'very'.	• He was given a most warm welcome.

### USE OF AN

• Used before a word beginning with a vowel sound.	• an apple. an orange, an inkpot
• Words beginning with H and sound like vowel [not like 'HA']	• an honest, an hour, an heir
• Used before abbreviations and the sound of first letter like vowel.	• an M.B.B.S, an M.A, An L.L.B. an S.O.S, an M.P.



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USE OF THE	EXAMPLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used to denote a definite person/thing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give me the red pen.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before a name of road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The accident took place on the Mirpur road.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before a musical instrument on playing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I play the flute.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before ordinal number/only/same</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 16<sup>th</sup> December is a red letter day for us.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All/both (predetermines) + the + noun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All the students are responsible for making noise in the class.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before the name of newspaper/ holy books/ ships/ trains/ aero planes/ famous buildings/ rivers/ seas/ oceans/ gulfs/ historical places/ desert/ directions / name of epic etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Daily star / the holy Quran/ the titanic/ the Shuborna Express/ the shat Gombuj Mosque/ the Padma/ the Pacific Ocean/ the Sundarbans/ the Sahara/ the east/ the Sahanama.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before the names of ranges of mountain and hills or groups of islands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Himalayas, the West Indies.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before some collectively formed countries and province.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The U.S.A, the U.K, the Netherlands, the Punjab, the Congo,</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before nation or race.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Muslims are brave.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before a common noun considered unique.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sun, the moon, the universe/world.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before the parts of one's body and articles of clothing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I caught him by the ear.</li> <li>I caught him by the tie/collar.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The + adjective (plural)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rich are not always happy.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before a singular noun to represent whole class ( Generalizing The)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rose is a beautiful flower.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before an adjective to indicate a quality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I don't like the yellow of an egg.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before common noun to express abstract sense.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The beast in him rose.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before superlative degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic jam is the most serious problem in Dhaka city.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before comparative degree (of the two)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ripa is the taller of the two sisters.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before comparative as adverbs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The more you study, the more you learn.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before abstract noun to indicate definitely.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The honesty of Mr. Rahman is over description.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before material noun to indicate definitely.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The water of the glass is dirty.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The is used before noun. When it is mentioned again.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I saw a man here yesterday. I think, the man stole your things.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In + the + time( morning/evening/afternoon)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I get up early in the morning.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before verbal noun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The reading of a newspaper is a good habit.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some common idioms and phrases with the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the contrary, on the other hand, on the whole, on the eve of, at the end, at the very beginning.</li> </ul>
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#### OMISSION OF ARTICLE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before proper noun.</li> <li>( name of countries/cities/towns/days/months/language/subject of study etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bangladesh is a populous country.</li> <li>English is our second language.</li> <li>Rahul is a student of law.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before 'family relations' words.</li> <li>(Father, mother, uncle, Aunt)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father is not at home at this moment.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before Man, Women, mankind, (to indicate the whole class)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Man is completely different from woman.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article / the is used before the name of season</li> <li>The rainy season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The spring is my favorite season.</li> <li>He comes here in summer.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before uncountable noun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He drinks milk.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before abstract noun.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindness is a good virtue.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before material noun.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water has no colour.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before noun as object complements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We made him chairman.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before the name of meals/articles of food.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He takes breakfast at 9 a.m.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before the name of games/sports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At present football is being replaced by cricket in our country.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before the name of diseases (plague takes the)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stroke is a common disease.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before public institutions/ places.</li> <li>(School, college, University, church, hospital, market, mosque, temple, prison, court, Eid gah)</li> <li>'The' will take before these places, if they indicate not ordinary purpose.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Muslims go to mosque to say prayer.</li> <li>I went to the hospital to visit her.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before/ after possessive, demonstrative/distributive /numeral adjective (my, our, your, his, her, their/ that, this, those, these/ each, every/ any, no, much, enough)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is my pen.</li> <li>I have no car.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before by + noun (to express travel/transport)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I came to Dhaka by train.</li> <li>But: I was in the train.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before squares, buildings, parks, avenues, streets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every morning he goes to Ramna Park to walk.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before the name of single mountains, island.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount Everest, Kailas, Sicily, Java</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before some phrases with preposition (at dawn, at twilight, at daybreak, at night, at dusk, at sunset, by day, by night, by name, by land, by water, at home, at dinner, on foot.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He goes to school on foot.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No article is used before verb, pronoun, conjunction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am satisfied with what I have.</li> </ul>

N. B: When two or more adjectives modify the same noun, an article is used before the first adjective only.