

# **Articles**

*An article is a word used to modify a noun, which is person, place, object or idea. Technically an article is an adjective which is any word that modifies a noun. Article defines a noun as specific or non-specific.*

## **Kinds of Article**

### **Definite Articles**

*This article is the word “the” and it refers directly to a specific noun or group of nouns. It means that every thing will be defined clearly in sentence. For example:*

*the freckle on my face, the red hammer,*

*The noon , The Sun, The Quaid-e-Azam,*

### **Indefinite Articles**

*These articles are the words ‘A’ and ‘An. These articles are not used to refer to a specific person, place, object or idea. It can be any noun from group of nouns. For example:*

*an event of history, an element,*

*a car, a book,*

# ***Usage of Articles***

*If the noun that comes after the article begins with a vowel sound, then we use indefinite article 'an'.*

*If the noun that comes after the article begins with a consonant sound, then we use indefinite article 'a'.*

*Similarly, when the first letter of a word is a vowel but is pronounced with a consonant sound, use 'a'. For example:*

*A university, a Usa president.*

## **Articles Before an Adjective**

*Sometimes an article modifies a noun that is also modified by an adjective. The usual word order is article+adjective+noun. For example:*

*a small gift, an interesting story*

## **Using Articles with Pronouns**

*Pronouns can help to identify whether you are talking about specific or nonspecific items. Articles should not be used with pronouns. For example:*

*Why are you reading the my book?(incorrect)*

*'The' and 'my' should not be used together since they are both meant to modify the same noun.*

*Why are you reading my book?*

*Why are you reading the book?*

## ***Indefinite Articles with Uncountable Nouns***

*Uncountable nouns are nouns that are either difficult or impossible to count. Uncountable nouns are like air, information, milk, wine, sand, wood etc. These things can't be counted, you should never use 'a' or 'an' with them—remember, the indefinite article is only for singular nouns. Uncountable nouns can be modified by words like some, however.*

*Please give me a water.(incorrect)*

*Please give me some water.(correct)*

*However if you describe the water in terms of countable units (like bottles), you can use indefinite article.*

*Please give me a bottle of water.*

*Please give me an ice.(incorrect)*

*Please give me an ice cube.(correct)*