

ARTICLE



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What is Article?

An article is an adjective, which is any word that modifies a noun. Usually adjectives modify nouns through description, but articles are used instead to point out or refer to nouns.

There are two types of articles:

- 1 Definite article
- 2 Indefinite article

Definite article- 'the'

Definite article is the word 'the,' and it refers directly to a specific noun or groups of nouns.

'the' is used with Proper Nouns-

e.g. The Ganga, The Indian ocean, The Himalaya, The Taj Mahal etc

'the' is used with Universal individual bodies-

e.g. The Sun, The Sky, The World etc

'the' is used before names of countries and organizations-

The United States of America, The United Nations Organization, The India etc

'the' is used before common nouns or abstract nouns

e.g. the rich, the old etc

'the' is used before a person's nationality or region to which he belongs-

e.g. the Indian, the Bengali, the English

Example-

1. I am eating the apple that you have brought.
2. I am eating the pear that you have brought.
3. Jawaharlal Nehru was the first prime minister of India.

Indefinite article- 'a' and 'an'

Indefinite articles are the words 'a' and 'an.' Each of these articles is used to refer to a noun, but the noun being referred to is not a specific person, place, object, or idea. It can be any noun from a group of nouns.

Use of 'a'-

'a' is used when word begins with consonant sound.

Example-

1. I met a boy in the market.
2. I am eating a pear.

Use of 'an'-

'an' is used when word begins with vowel sound.

(A 'vowel sound' is a sound of one of (a, e, i, o, u))

1. Radha eats an apple everyday.
2. The world is an amazing creation
3. I want an umbrella.