

Definite article

Zero article

Indefinite articles

The second
time you talk
about
something

It's clear what
you're talking
about

Prepositional
noun

Definite noun +
adjective clause

Only 1 exists

Places in town
and specific
names of
places

The superlative

Ordinal numbers

Musical
instruments

Groups of
people

Institutions

Nations

Rivers, oceans,
seas, deserts

Newspapers

Family names

Times of the
day

Preposition (in,
on, at, to, from)
+ compass
direction

Specific time
periods

Before “same”

Body parts
with direct
objects

The first time
you talk about
something

Jobs

Nationalities

Religions

Expressions
with what

Expressions
meaning per /
for each

Single letters
and numbers

Comparative
noun phrases

Expressions of
quantity

Next and last

Plural or uncountable nouns

Home, work,
school, church,
university, bed,
college, class,
jail

Names of
hospitals,
schools,
churches,
shopping
centres

Meals

Days

Months

Names of
streets and
roads

Abstract nouns

Countries and
cities

Names of lakes,
mountains and
islands

Languages

Go, walk, move
+ compass
directions

Diseases