

Articles

Articles are short words that provide us with more information about a noun. In English, articles tell us the definiteness of a noun.

Indefinite articles (a, an, some)

- The first time you talk about something
- Jobs
- Nationalities (nouns)
- Religions
- Expressions with what
- Expressions meaning per/for each
- Letters
- Comparative noun phrases
- Quantifiers

Definite article (the)

- The second time you talk about something
- It's clear what you're talking about
- Prepositional noun
- Definite noun + adjective clause
- Only one exists
- Places in town and specific names of places
- The superlative
- Ordinal numbers
- Musical instruments
- Groups of people
- Institutions
- Nations
- Rivers, oceans, seas and deserts
- Newspapers
- Family names
- Times of the day
- Prepositions (in, on, at, to, from) + compass direction
- Specific time periods
- Before "same"
- Body parts with direct object

Zero article

- 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 and months
- Names of streets and roads
- Abstract nouns
- Countries, cities, towns
- Names of lakes, mountains and islands
- Languages
- Go, walk, move + compass direction
- Diseases

