

a (indefinite article)

Use	Example	
singular countable nouns (not specific)	I need to get a new coat.	

an (indefinite article)

į	Use	Example	
I	instead of a when the next word begins with a yowel sound	I don't have enough money for an expensive dress.	

Watch

Whether we use a or an with a word depends on the sound, not the spelling. Be careful with the following words and phrases.

« an honest person « an hour » a euro » a uniform

the (definite article)

Use	Example	
singular countable nouns (specific)	Let's go to the new shopping centre.	
plural countable nouns (specific)	Where are the books I ordered?	
uncountable nouns (specific)	I gave the shop assistant the money and then left.	

No article (zero article)

Use	Example
plural countable nouns (general)	Prices have gone up a lot recently.
uncountable nouns (general)	Fresh fruit is really good for you.

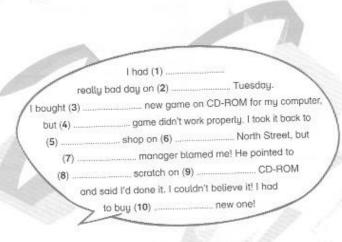
O Special rules

Use	Example
places	the: seas (the Atlantic), rivers (the Amazon), areas (the Antarctic), some countries (the USA, the UK), public buildings (the theatre), the Earth, the world, the sky, the moon, the sun, the sea, the environment no article: towns and cities (Moscow), most countries (France), continents (Europe), streets (Baker Street), planets (Mars)
activities	a/an: have a job, work as a the: on the radio, the media, play the piano no article: go to work, on TV, go shopping, play tennis, listen to music, go to work, go to school, be at school, be at university, school subjects (maths)
time	the: in the morning/afternoon/evening, on the 20 th March, in the 1950s no article: days (Thursday), months (May), years (2009), at night
people	the: the King, the Prime Minister, the army, the navy, the police, the Germans, the English no article: become king, he's English, speak English

A Complete using a, an or the.

- 1 We hadreally good science lesson at school today.
- 2 I found unusual insect on the wall outside our house.
- 3 It's your birthday next week. Are you going to have _____ party?
- 4 We waited for hours, but we finally sawQueen.
- 5 Why don't we listen to radio?
- 6 Have you got _____ euro I could borrow?
- 7 Mum has gone to ______ bank, but she'll be back soon.
- 8 Where have you been? I've been waiting for over hour!

Write an article in each gap where necessary. If an article is not necessary, put a dash (-)-



- C | Circle the extra word in each sentence.
 - 1 Do you think we will ever send a person to the Mars?
 - 2 When you go to the London, don't forget to see the London Eye.
 - 3 When we use the cars, we damage the environment.
 - 4 I'm not telling a lies! It's the truth.
 - 5 I'm looking for a teacher who can teach me the German.
 - 6 Ray needs a warm hat and a new coat for his visit to the Russia.
 - 7 Dad has gone to a work and forgotten the car keys.
 - 8 Some people have an unusual pets, such as lions or tigers.

0		sentence there is a word missing. Put an arrow (†) to show word should go and write the word.	where the		
	2 Would 3 We ha 4 Peter 5 Gordo	th music was popular in America in 1960s. I you prefer to read book or watch television? ad maths at school yesterday and our teacher gave us surprise test! joined police and caught ten thieves in his first month! on wanted to be writer, so he studied English at university. enly, two UFOs appeared in sky over Washington.			
E	Rewrite	the sentences correctly, adding articles where necessary.			
		ad great time in USA.			
	2 Let's	go to Belgium for week this summer.	H1000100		
	3 Where's money I gave you on fifteenth of last month?				
	4 I'd like to join army and become soldier.				
	5 For Christmas, I got book, DVD and latest CD by my favourite band.				
	6 They say that English drink lot of tea.				
		d song on radio that I really liked.			
	8 Do Ja	panese and other people in Asia eat cheese?			
F	Underl	ne ten mistakes in the dialogue and correct them.			
	Gary:	It's the lovely day, isn't it? Let's walk down to a shops and look aroun	id.		
	Helen:	That's an good idea. I'll just have a look in a kitchen and see what we	e need.		
	Gary:	I got a milk yesterday, so we don't need any more. We might need a	bread, though.		
	Helen:	Okay. Bread oh, and the packet of sugar. After shopping, we coumarket in a town centre and see what they have.	ld go to a new		
	Gary:	Right. You get your coat and I'll get a car keys.			