

The articles

There are two kinds of the articles:

- The definite article (**the**)
- The indefinite articles (**a, an**)

The definite article

\* The definite article is generally used to denote a specific person, animal or a thing singular or plural.

Eg: the poor, the blind.

\* We use the definite article before the names of rivers, oceans and seas.

Eg: the Nile, the Atlantic ocean, the red sea.

\* We use the definite article before nouns already mentioned

Eg: a student ask a question about the lesson, the student is intelligent.

\* We use the definite article before some names of countries.

Eg: the united state, the Congo.

\* We use the definite article with the uncountable nouns.

Eg: the train stopped at the station.

\* We use the + noun or he/she/it when we know which one.

E.g: the man did not return to the hotel.

\* When there is only one of the things we are talking about, we use (**the**)

E.g: -the sun was going down.

-We should not pollute the environment.

\* We use the definite article (**the**) when we are talking about a known object.

E.g: -I have just washed the car. (Our car/this car)

-Where is the dog?

\*We use the definite article when the object is unique.

**E.g:** the sun, the moon.

### **The indefinite articles**

\*We use the indefinite articles before a singular noun.

**E.g:** what a nice car.

\*We use the indefinite articles + noun or some one/ some thing when we are not saying which one.

**E.g:** he left a case behind.

\*We use the indefinite articles in phrases which describe some thing.

**E.g:** - it s a big hotel.

-This is a better photo.

\*We use the indefinite articles to classify some thing to say what kind of thing it is.

**E.g:** the play was a comedy.

\*We use **(an)** before nouns beginning with a vowel (a, o, i, e, u) and before the silent **(H)**.

**E.g:** an hour.

\*The article **(a)** is used before nouns beginning with a consonant.

**E.g:** a cat.

\*We use the article **(a)** with countable nouns to indicate one.

**E.g:** I have got a cat.