

ARTICLES

a/an can be used only with singular countable nouns (e.g. book). **the** can be used with all nouns, countable and uncountable, singular and plural. Plural nouns and countable nouns can be used with no article (book, water), but singular countable nouns cannot. The first time something is mentioned there is usually an indefinite article but after that there is a definite article. **Indefinite article** is also used after «half», «quarter», in front of «hundred» «thousand» (meaning one), with some phrases (a friend of mine), profession in general, religious orientation (a Catholic). **Definite article** «the» is also used with the name of a country in plural (the USA), with «of» phrase (the president of France), with an animal or a plant when referred as a representative of a species (The dog is an animal), with a thing or a person which is unique (the Sun, the queen), with the name of the sea, ocean, mountain range, river, group of islands, with an adjective to talk about group of people who are all characterised by this feature (the poor, the rich), hotel, newspapers, institution, the family name including all the members (the Smiths), ordinal number (the first), superlative (The best), the phrase using comparatives (the sooner-the better), **Don't use articles** with names of people, towns, countries, magazines, lakes, streets, squares, countable plural nouns when mentioned for the first time, with abstract and material nouns in general (love, water), with expressions: at Christmas, at noon, at night, at midnight

1)

*Articles with countable and uncountable nouns

Complete the table with the nouns below. They can go in several places

Snow, apple, people, taxi drivers, water, furniture, money, book, teacher, men

	a/an	the	No article
Singular countable	<u>A book</u>	<u>The book</u>
Plural countable	<u>The books</u>	<u>Books</u>
uncountable	<u>The water</u>	<u>Water</u>

2)

**a/an, the or no article (x); Complete the sentences:

- We usually have.....lunch at 1 p.m.
-French people drink a lot of red wine.
- I gave herbunch of flowers when she opened the door.
- Who is.....owner of this cat.?
- We went to.....zoo and sawold elephant.
-elephant isimpressive animal.
- I've never taughtclass where.....pupils were so good at.....English.
-giraffe is.....tallest animal on.....Earth. I like.....giraffes.
-water freezes after.....hour if you leave it out in.....garden at.....night.

3)

** **Uncountable nouns-** The following nouns may be countable in your language.

Underline the words in the box which are uncountable in English. Then circle the correct answer in the sentences below

Advice, book, baggage, equipment, furniture, friend, hair, homework, information, money, weather

- She hasn't got THE/ANY furniture in her room
- We had four BAGGAGES/PIECES OF BAGGAGE
- I need AN/SOME information about flights to Poland, please.
- Our teacher gave us four HOMEWORKS/PIECES OF HOMEWORK in one day.
- Let me give you AN ADVICE/SOME ADVICE/SOME ADVICES

6. Yesterday I stayed in and washed my HAIR/HAIRS.
7. She hasn't got A/ANY money to buy books

4)

*****Articles: Rewrite the text in your notebook, putting all the articles**

price of new bicycle called 'Thompson Bike' is £7,500. new bicycle goes at 40kph with even average rider riding it. Rider sits higher than usual and bicycle goes much faster. But is this comfortable way to sit and is rider comfortable? 'No', says inventor, melvinThompson. 'After hour rider would be tired.' But people who have seen new bike all like it and all people who have ridden it say bikes like this are bikes of future and they would buy bike like this.

5)

****Articles: Complete the text with A,AN,THE,or X for zero article**

(1).....British people spend (2).....average of nine days a year in their cars.
(3).....government report says that (4).....people will not walk for minutes (on average) to get to (5).....nearest bus stop. They prefer to get (6)car out instead. On average public transport is used for only 9% of (7).....journeys. (8).....number of people using buses have gone down by more than 20%, except in London where the bus is one of (9).....best ways to get around. Only 42% of children walk to (10).....school. Ten years ago it was 52%.