



Articles

No article, “a” or “the”.

When we are talking about **things or people in general**, we do not use “the” or “a”.

No article *Most children like sweets.*

*Formal education in England begins when **children** reach the age of five.*

***Basketball** is more popular in China than **football**.*

We **do not use “the” or “a”** with **names of people**, in the same way, we normally don't use “the” or “a” with **names of places**. For example:

Names of people

Tom, (not 'the Tom'),
André, Philip.

Countries

France (not 'the France'),
Japan, Switzerland.

States and regions

Texas (not 'the Texas'),
Central Europe.

Cities

Cairo, (not 'the Cairo'),
Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte.

Continents

Africa (not 'the Africa'),
Europe, South America



“The” definite article

(tradução a, o, as, os)

“A/An” indefinite article

(tradução um, uma, uns, umas)

	x	The	x	A
Restaurants sell food. (in general)		restaurant is nice. (definite)		restaurant in the road. (indefinite)

Exercises

1) Choose "the", "a". or no article.

- a) I dropped _____ piece of cake, and I need to clean it up.
- b) Do you have _____ dictionary?
- c) _____ children must be awake.
- d) I think _____ ice cream is delicious.
- e) _____ ice cream in my coffee is delicious.
- f) I went to _____ England last year.
- g) I saw _____ elephant today.
- h) _____ vegetables are good for you.
- i) Did you read _____ book which I gave you?
- j) He didn't like _____ movie that you suggested.
- k) Tom is _____ teacher.
- l) This is new information to _____ listener.
- m) Is there _____ dictionary in your backpack?
- n) Do you live in _____ big house?

2) Find one mistake in each sentence.

- a) He's mailman, so he has breakfast at 4am.
- b) The love is more important than money.
- c) I come to school by the bus.
- d) I'm reading good book right now.
- e) "Where's Jack?" "In a kitchen".
- f) I live in town, near the hospital.
- g) I don't eat the bread because I don't like it.

Answers

1) Choose "the", "a". or no article.

- 1)
 1. A
 2. A
 3. The
 4. --
 5. The
 6. --
 7. An
 8. --
 9. The
 10. The
 11. A
 12. The
 13. A
 14. A

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