



## Articles

No article, “a” or “the”.

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

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**No** *Most children like sweets.*

**article**

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

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

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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:

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**Names of people**

Tom, (not 'the Tom'),  
André, Philip.

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**Countries**

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

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**States and regions**

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

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**Cities**

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

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**Continents**

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

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## “The” definite article

(tradução a, o, as, os)

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## “A/An” indefinite article

(tradução um, uma, uns, umas)

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

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# 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 center of town, near the hospital.
- g) My parents bought the house in the country.
- h) 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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