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Article “A”

- Used before words beginning with consonant or vowels with consonant sounds.

A desk A wallet A Union (sound of Y)

A computer A house A European (sound of Y)

Article AN

- Used before vowels that don't have consonant sounds and before words beginning with silent consonants (like "h").

An apple

An elephant

An honor (non pronounced "h")

Definite article “THE”

- Before a singular noun , making reference to a particular thing or person in a general way.
- The dog is a domestic animal.



When you want to specify which thing
or person we are referring to:

- That was the university he was talking about
the other night.



Before a family's name in the plural,
meaning all of its members:

- The Simpsons are a very famous family in the US.



Before adjectives, to give them
function in the sentence, referring to
all people described by these
adjectives

Political actions over the poor must include
measures to insert them into society.



Before names of musical instruments.

- Claire plays the piano beautifully.



Before names of some geographic regions suchs as seas, rivers, mountains and islands:

- The amazon river is an important river in Brazil.



Making reference to nouns already mentioned:

- I have two sisters: the oldest one is 17 and the youngest , 7.



Before a singular noun to make reference to an institution, other places, or a system.

- I will send you the documents . I can put them in the mail, don't worry.



Dont's

- You must avoid the definite article before: street names, cities, isles, countries, or airports.

EX: Baker street



The definite article is only permitted before names of rivers, oceans and seas, and before countries that have plural names, like United States.

- Flag of the United States of America.

