

Articles For Class 8

An article is a word that combines to determine a noun or a noun phrase is specific or general in a sentence.

The articles can be classified into two types:-

1. Indefinite articles (a & an)
2. Definite articles (The)

Let us study the articles in detail.

1. Indefinite Articles

Indefinite Articles are used before a noun that is general and unknown.

1. They **do not point to a particular person and animal place or thing in a sentence.**

Examples:-

1. A book
2. A pencil
3. An apple
4. An egg
5. An orange
6. An old woman
7. A place
8. A girl
9. A teacher
10. An elephant

2. We use **'a' before words that begin with a constant sound.**

Examples:-

1. A dog

2. A car
3. A cat
4. A girl
5. A fan
6. A stove
7. A pencil
8. A book
9. A letter
10. A toy

3. We use 'an' before words that begin with a vowel sound.

Examples:-

1. An elephant
2. An egg
3. An umbrella
4. An aeroplane
5. An inkpot
6. An eraser
7. An orange
8. An owl
9. An old woman
10. An ice-cream

4. A singular noun **always** requires an indefinite article but a plural common **and does not** require any indefinite article.

Examples:-

1. He saw **an elephant**.
2. There is **a book** in the table.
3. He is **a brave** boy.
4. There is **a lizard** behind the table.
5. She bought **an umbrella**.

5. Indefinite **articles** are used before the group of collective and quantifiers.



Examples:-

1. He buys **a dozen** of apples.
2. The baby is playing with **a doll**.
3. He gave **a thousand** work to his sister.
4. She walk 1 km **an hour**.
5. He is carrying **a bouquet** of flowers.

6. Indefinite articles presides whether descriptive adjectives and also **can be used with determiners**.

Examples:-

1. She is **an amazing** singer.
2. What **a nice day**!
3. There is **a little juice** in his glass.
4. **A few guests** are coming today.
5. She bought **a beautiful dress**.

7. When we **talk about something which is new** and is introducing it for the first time to the listener we use indefinite articles.

Examples:-

1. I have **a bicycle**.
2. I have bought **a new watch**.
3. She needs **a new phone**.
4. He buys **a pair of clothes** from the market.
5. Her mother bought **a new dress**.

2. Definite Articles

'The' is a definite article. It is referred to a particular person or thing. It is used when the speaker talks about the specific object that the person is speaking about and the listener is already referred to.

Examples:-



1. **The boys** in the garden.
2. He is reading **the book**.
3. **The man** is standing there.
4. **The clothes** are in the cupboard.
5. **The girls** are dancing.

2. We used the **before the nouns** that are unique.

Examples:-

1. **The sun** is bright today.
2. **The villa** has five rooms.
3. **The moon** is shining among the stars.
4. **The birds** are flying in the sky.
5. **The train** will arrived late.

3. The is used **for the noun** that is known to the listener.

Examples:-

1. He forgot **the bunch** of keys.
2. **The clothes** are dirty.
3. She washed **the utensils**.
4. He kept the book on **the table**.
5. She read **the novel**.

4. The definite article **referred to the period of time**.

Examples:-

1. **The song** is most popular in the 1990s.
2. He was good in **the past**.
3. He has gone to **the temple** in the morning.
4. She will be attending **the meeting** today.
5. Neha will meet him after **the Trip**.

5. **Before names of rivers, oceans, seas, maintain ranges, countries** with plural names or that contain the words republic kingdom, or States we use the.



Examples:-

1. The Nile
2. The Indian Ocean
3. The Pacific Ocean
4. The Arabian sea
5. The Netherlands
6. The United Kingdom

Omission of the Articles

We do not use articles-

1. **Before the names of substances and abstract nouns** that are uncountable nouns.

Examples:-

1. Honesty is the best policy.
2. Sugar is bad for our health.
3. Wisdom is the gift of heaven.
4. Gold is a precious metal.
5. Virtue is its own reward.

2. We **do not use article with names of people, states, and countries.**

Examples:-

1. The mountaineers conquered Mount Everest.
2. He lives in Paris.
3. Her best friend is Mittali.
4. She is going to Shimla.
5. Ritu and Mohan are best friends.

3. We **do not use articles before School, College, University, Hospital, and Prison** when these places are visited for the primary purpose.

Examples:-



1. I always reach school on time.
2. He takes admission in Delhi University.
3. Maya attend her College fest.
4. This hospital contains good facilities.
5. The thief are kept in prison.

4. We **do not use articles before languages.**

Examples:-

1. He is good at maths.
2. They are learning English.
3. He likes to study French.
4. They speak Punjabi at home.
5. I learnt Spanish at school.

5. We **do not use articles before the names of meals.**

Examples:-

1. Let's go and have dinner.
2. He is starving.
3. The soup is so delicious.
4. It was tasty stuffed Paratha.
5. He bought some snacks.

Articles Worksheet for Class 8

Exercise:1

Complete the following sentences by filling a, an, and the as suitable.

1. Copper is the _____ useful metal.
2. He is not _____ honourable man.
3. He always speaks _____ truth.
4. Do you have _____ umbrella?
5. He collects _____ information about the match.
6. They will move to _____ Villa next month.



7. French is not _____ easy language.
8. Which is _____ longest river in India?
9. Varanasi is _____ holy city.
10. The boy is sitting on _____ bench.
11. She wants to buy _____ beautiful dress.
12. He will throw _____ party next week.
13. Her mother asked her not to eat _____ icecream.
14. He buys _____ gold ring for his fiancée.
15. Tushar will catch _____ train on time.
16. _____ child is fond of sweets.
17. Shiv belongs to _____ Marathi family.
18. Rohit is _____ honest and disciplined boy.
19. Maya has participated in _____ the drama.
20. She cracks _____ funny jokes.

Answers

1. The
2. An
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18. An
19. The



20.A

Exercise:2

Insert Articles in each of the sentences and rewrite them.

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