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**Articles** :

There are two articles in english : the definite / the indefinite article and sometimes nouns require no article at all ; in which case the term zero () article is used.

1. **The indefinite article** is written (an) before vowel sound and it is written (a) in other cases.

We use a/ an in the following ways :

* 1. Before a singular countable nouns which we know nothing about it. Ex : my father works in a factory.
  2. With names of professions and occupations. Ex : she is an executive and he is a waiter.
  3. In expressions of measurements (L, km, hour, m2). Ex : olive oil costs 80000 da a liter this year.
  4. Before a noun which means all thing of the same kind. Ex : a detective is men whose job consists investegating crimes.

1. **The definite article « the »**: we use it in the following ways :
   1. Reference to something definite. Ex : the dog is in the garden.
   2. Reference to things which are unique. Ex : the moon, the earth, the pyramids…
   3. Reference to a certain category of people. Ex : the blind, the deaf, the poor…
   4. Names of oceans, seas, rivers, names of mountains chains. Eg : the atlantic ocean, the dead sea, the himalaya.
   5. Names of hotels, newspapers, organizations. Ex : the aurassi hotel, the daily express, the united nations.
2. **Zero article 0**: there is no article before :
   1. Abstract nouns : ex : 0 peace, 0 courage, 0 peace, 0 health.
   2. There is no article beforenames of people and places. Ex : 0 France, 0 zineb, 0 abane ramdhan airport.
   3. There is no article with name of meals. Ex : what time is 0 lunch ?
   4. There is zero articles before plural nouns. Ex : we are expecting 0 visitors.