

# The indefinite articles A/AN and the definite article THE

## The indefinite article

\* The indefinite article A/AN is used before singular countables nouns. We use A before nouns beginning with a consonant sound and AN before nouns beginning with a vowel sound.

                   **a dog**                                                             **an umbrella**

\* We use A/AN to say what somebody/something is or what someone's job is .

                   **My brother is a doctor.**                                         **A dictionary is a book.**

\* We don't use A/AN with uncountable nouns. We use some instead.

                   **some sugar**                                         **some milk**

\* We don't use A/AN before an adjective when there's no noun after it. But when there's a noun after it, we use A/AN according to the first sound of the adjective.

                   **I've got a flat in the center of the city.**

                   **It's big. It's also comfortable.**

## The definite article

\* The definite article THE is used when it is clear which thing or person we are talking about, for example when the noun is mentioned for a second time or is already known.

                   **I can see a cat. The cat is white.**

\* We use THE with nouns which are unique and before the names of musical instruments.

                   **the earth**                      **the sun**                      **the sky**

                   **the piano**                      **the guitar**                      **the violin**

\* We also use THE before the names of rivers, seas/oceans, mountain ranges, deserts, group of islands/states, families and nationalities.

                   **the river Thames**                     **the Sahara**                     **the Smiths**

                   **the Pacific**                      **the USA**                      **the Chinese**

\* We don't use THE with plural nouns when we talk about them in general.

                   **Scorpions are very dangerous.**                      **Elephants live in Africa.**



## **Choose the correct answer**

1) the chocolate or chocolate?

A \_\_\_\_\_ is bad for my liver.

B \_\_\_\_\_ is on the table.

2) the bread or bread?

A She doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_.

B I like \_\_\_\_\_ in that shop.

3) fish or the fish?

A The Japanese eat a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

B \_\_\_\_\_ is in the fridge.

4) children or the children?

A I know \_\_\_\_\_ in this photograph.

B \_\_\_\_\_ need love.

5) English people or the English people?

A Who are \_\_\_\_\_ with Susan?

B \_\_\_\_\_ drink lots of tea.

## **Correct the mistakes.**

1) Janet is a author.

2) Paul is at the home.

3) Earth is a planet.

4) We've got an small house.

5) I have got a water.

6) The Chinese people eat lots of rice.

7) The Harry is a doctor.

8) A Smiths are my neighbours.

9) The golf is a nice game.

10) The Pyramids are in the Egypt.

## Choose the correct answer

- a shower or the shower?

A \_\_\_\_\_ is broken at the moment.

B There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ bathroom

- a garden or the garden?

A Their house has got \_\_\_\_\_.

B Look outside in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a photograph or the photograph?

A Look at \_\_\_\_\_ on this wall!

B I've got \_\_\_\_\_ red ribbon on my wall.

- a man or the man?

A I can see two women and \_\_\_\_\_ in that car.

B Who is \_\_\_\_\_ in the photograph?

- a lady or the lady?

A There's \_\_\_\_\_ at the door.

B Who's \_\_\_\_\_ in red?

## Fill in A, AN or THE when necessary

Nick is from \_\_\_\_\_ France. He's got two sisters and \_\_\_\_\_ brother.

They live with their parents in \_\_\_\_\_ big flat in Paris. Nick has got lot of

hobbies. He likes \_\_\_\_\_ basketball and he plays \_\_\_\_\_ drums.

He has got \_\_\_\_\_ blue car. He drives to \_\_\_\_\_ work every day.

He likes his job because his boss is \_\_\_\_\_ kind man.

Claire lives in \_\_\_\_\_ New York. She is \_\_\_\_\_ teacher. She

works in \_\_\_\_\_ Private School. She goes to work in \_\_\_\_\_

afternoon. She starts work at 13:00 and she goes home at 18:00 in \_\_\_\_\_

evening. She likes her job because she loves \_\_\_\_\_ children.