

REVIEW

'A' is used before a singular countable noun that **begins with a consonant sound**.

Review these.

- Mary bought **a doll** for her little sister.

'An' is used before a singular countable noun that **begins with a vowel sound or a 'silent h'**.

Review these.

- John gave me **an orange**.
- It took her **an hour** to finish the work.

We use '**the**' **before the names of oceans, rivers and special buildings**.

Review these.

- There are many islands in **the Pacific Ocean**.
- **The Yellow River** is in China.
- **The Pentagon** is an important building in America.

We use '**the**' **when there is only one thing of its kind**.

Review these.

- **The earth** moves round **the sun**.
- **The sky** is covered with dark clouds.

We use **'the'** before a superlative adjective.

Review these.

- John is **the tallest** player.
- This is **the most expensive** watch in the shop.

We also use **'the'** when we are talking about **someone or something in particular or for a second time**.

Review these.

- Stop **the** thief!
- Please lend me **the** book you are holding.
- Mrs Lee is holding a storybook. She is telling a story from **the** storybook.
- My father was talking to a man. **The** man is our neighbour.

We do not use articles before the names of **games, diseases, days and months, cities and countries and general places**.

Review these.

- I like to play **badminton**.
- The patient died of **cancer**.
- Today is **Sunday**.
- My birthday is in **July**.
- **Singapore** is a small country.
- **Shanghai** is a modern city in **China**.
- The man was sent to **jail**.
- Mrs Lee drives her son to **school** every day.