Articles — the words *a*, *an*, and *the*

A / An (indefinite article = any one): *a* fish, *an* animal, *a* robot, *an* onion

The (definite article = a specific one, one of a kind, or all of a kind):

*the* fish in the sea, *the* animals in the zoo, *the* sky, *the* piano

1. *a*, *an*, *the*

**a fish**
Hello, I’m *a* fish.
I live in *the* sea.

**an animal**
Hello, I’m *an* animal.
I live on *the* land.

**the sun**
Hello, I’m *the* sun.
I live up in *the* sky.

**Grammar Corner**

- Eat *a* cookie. Eat *the* chocolate cookie on the table.
  (any cookie) (specific cookie)

- *The* sun and *the* moon are in *the* sky.
  (sun, moon, and sky are all one of a kind)

- She can play *the* piano.
  (all of a kind; She can play all pianos.)
2 the

This is a dog. The dog is black and white.

These are cats. The cats are in the basket.

I jog in the morning. I play soccer in the afternoon.

I watch TV in the evening. I play the violin sometimes.

Grammar Corner

I have a box. I see a star. I am reading a book.
The box is big. The star is bright. The book is good.
Exercises

A  Name the things on the table using a or an.

1. a potato
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

B  Correct the articles.

1. A sun is in the sky.
   The sun is in the sky.
2. It’s very hot in an afternoon.
3. I see a cat. A cat is cute!
4. Can you play a piano? Yes, I can.
5. I have a robot. A robot is blue.
C Circle the correct articles.

1. I have \(\text{a} / \text{an} / \text{the}\) piano.
2. We can see \(\text{a} / \text{an} / \text{the}\) moon.
3. She can play \(\text{a} / \text{an} / \text{the}\) guitar.
4. Look! There is \(\text{a} / \text{an} / \text{the}\) fish!
5. I am reading \(\text{a} / \text{an} / \text{the}\) book.
6. He has \(\text{a} / \text{an} / \text{the}\) daughter.

D Read and complete the letter.

Dear Pen Pal,

Hi, I’m Judy. I live in the U.S.A.

Do you have ___ dog?

I have a dog. It is smart and cute.

For lunch I eat _____ orange and _____ hamburger.

How about you?

I jog in ______ morning.

I play ______ violin in ______ evening.

Now, it’s time to go to bed. Good-bye.