

An article is a word that comes before a noun to show whether it's specific or general. 'a', 'an' and 'the' are called articles.

'a' is used before nouns that start with a consonant sound.

'an' is used before nouns that start with a vowel sound.

'the' is used for a specific noun.

a ball, a chair, a train, a boy

an ostrich, an egg, an igloo

the Himalayas, the Ganga river, the bag with red dots

Examples: That is **a** stall. There is **an** umbrella on **the** stall.

### Exercise 3.1

A. Underline the articles in the following sentences

1. I have an umbrella.
2. My mother is a dancer.
3. The last girl in the line was Amy.
4. This is a painting.
5. There is an insect in the box.
6. An owl hooted softly in the night.

B. Choose the correct article and write the sentence

1. She wants an ice cream. (a/an/the)

2. They are playing at the Nehru park. (a/an/the)

3. He wanted a pencil for writing. (a/an/the)

C. Read the paragraph and underline the articles

I went to a toy store today. The shelves had many toys. I saw a red car and an aeroplane. I chose a fluffy teddy bear. The teddy bear had a red bow and an orange umbrella. I gave it a big hug.



A. Look at the pictures and write the names

a parrot



an apple



the book



a cylinder



an egg



the earth



apple

cylinder

parrot

book

Earth

egg

B. Choose the correct article and write the sentence

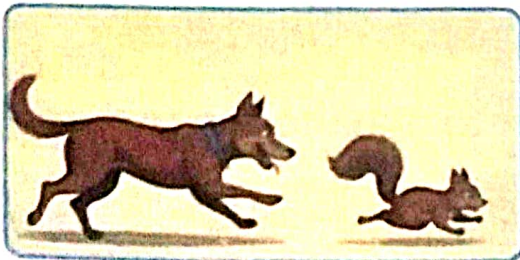
1. Have you ever been to the Taj Mahal? (a/an/the)

2. We ate an apple pie after dinner. (a/an/the)

3. Look at the Moon! (a/an/the)

4. There is a photo on the wall. (a/an/the)

C. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the



1. We saw the dog in the park. the dog was chasing the squirrel.



2. She plucked an orange from the garden. an orange smelled sweet and a butterfly was buzzing around it.