

# Determiners

A determiner is a word that modifies, describes or introduces a noun. It can be used to clarify what a noun refers to and to indicate quantity or number.

The following sentences show how determiners are used in sentences.

- Examples:**
1. **A** stray cat walked across my porch.
  2. I bought **three** shirts from the store.
  3. **This** clock is older than that one.
  4. **Each** child needs to bring their own lunch.

## Types of Determiners

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Articles (definite & indefinite)	It is used to indicate a noun whether it is specific or general. <b>A, an &amp; the</b> are articles.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. I have <b>a</b> younger and <b>an</b> elder sister.</li><li>2. <b>The</b> ancient Romans built <b>the</b> Colosseum.</li></ol>



<b>Demonstrative</b>	It is used to point out a particular noun or to the noun it replaces. <b>That, this, these</b> and <b>those</b> are demonstratives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have heard <b>this</b> song before.</li> <li>2. Blaine has not returned <b>that</b> book.</li> <li>3. I want a pair of <b>those</b> shoes.</li> </ol>
<b>Possessive</b>	It is used to express possession or belongingness. It helps to know who or what owns the noun that it determines. <b>My, our, your, his, her, their</b> and <b>its</b> are possessives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We all informed <b>our</b> parents about the school trip.</li> <li>2. Faiz forgot <b>his</b> badge at home.</li> <li>3. <b>Your</b> dad is a doctor, right?</li> </ol>
<b>Distributive</b>	It is used to refer to a group or to individual people or objects within a group. <b>All, each, every, both, either</b> and <b>neither</b> are distributives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>All</b> of us have received our marksheets.</li> <li>2. <b>Neither</b> of us knew the solution to the word problem.</li> <li>3. <b>Each</b> employee was given a raise.</li> </ol>
<b>Interrogative</b>	It is used to ask question for a particular information about somebody or something. <b>Whose, what</b> and <b>which</b> are interrogatives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He couldn't remember <b>whose</b> car keys they were.</li> <li>2. <b>Which</b> red pen do you want?</li> <li>3. <b>What</b> books did you read?</li> </ol>
<b>Quantifier</b>	It is used before a noun to show the amount of it that is being considered. <b>Some, enough, many, a lot of, a few</b> are some of the quantifiers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I saw <b>few</b> people in the program.</li> <li>2. We have <b>enough</b> food in the refrigerator</li> <li>3. Jack has <b>many</b> friends here.</li> </ol>

