

# English Articles – A2

Worksheet: A, An, The and No Article

## Quick Reference Guide

| Article  | Use it when...                      | Examples                          |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A        | Consonant sound / job / one of many | a car, a doctor, a university     |
| AN       | Vowel sound / one of many           | an idea, an hour, an honest man   |
| THE      | Specific / unique / superlatives    | the best, the Amazon, the station |
| — (none) | General plurals / uncountable nouns | Dogs are friendly. I love music.  |

## Exercise 1: True or False?

Read each sentence. Write **True** or **False**.

1. We never use an article before uncountable nouns when speaking in general. For example: "Water is important." \_\_\_\_\_
2. "She is the doctor" is the correct way to describe someone's job. \_\_\_\_\_
3. We say "an hour" because the letter H is silent, so it starts with a vowel sound. \_\_\_\_\_
4. "I like dogs" uses no article because we are talking about dogs in general. \_\_\_\_\_
5. We use "the" with superlatives. For example: "She is the best student in the class." \_\_\_\_\_
6. "He plays a football every weekend" is correct. \_\_\_\_\_
7. "It is a university" is correct — not "an university". \_\_\_\_\_
8. "The life is beautiful" is correct English. \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2: Multiple Choice

Choose: a / an / the / — (no article).

1. I waited for \_\_\_ hour outside the station.  
( a / an / the / — )
2. \_\_\_ music helps me relax after work.  
( a / an / the / — )
3. She is \_\_\_ most talented person in our office.  
( a / an / the / — )
4. He studies at \_\_\_ university in Dublin.  
( a / an / the / — )
5. \_\_\_ children love playing in the park. (general)  
( a / an / the / — )
6. We met \_\_\_ honest man at the market.  
( a / an / the / — )
7. Turn left at \_\_\_ traffic lights.  
( a / an / the / — )
8. I drink \_\_\_ green tea every morning. (general habit)  
( a / an / the / — )

### Exercise 3: Matching

Match each sentence (1–8) to the correct rule (A–H).

1. I love chocolate. It is delicious! \_\_\_\_
2. We took an Uber to the airport. \_\_\_\_
3. The Eiffel Tower is in Paris. \_\_\_\_
4. She speaks three languages. \_\_\_\_
5. It was the worst day of my life. \_\_\_\_
6. He is a pilot for a big airline. \_\_\_\_
7. Please wait in the reception area. \_\_\_\_
8. I need an umbrella — it is raining! \_\_\_\_

#### Rules:

- A – A: job / consonant sound
- B – AN: before vowel sound, first mention
- C – AN: before vowel sound, one of many
- D – THE: unique, only one
- E – THE: superlative
- F – THE: specific place, both know it
- G – No article: uncountable noun, general
- H – No article: plural noun, general

### Exercise 4: Gap Fill

Fill each gap with a / an / the / — (no article).

1. She is studying to become \_\_\_\_ architect.
2. \_\_\_\_ Pollution is a big problem in many cities.
3. He bought \_\_\_\_ second-hand bicycle last week.
4. This is \_\_\_\_ best pizza I have ever eaten!
5. I waited for \_\_\_\_ hour in the queue.
6. We go swimming every Saturday. We love \_\_\_\_ swimming.
7. Meet me at \_\_\_\_ entrance to the museum.
8. She speaks \_\_\_\_ French and Italian fluently.

### Exercise 5: Word Order

Put the words in the correct order.

1. is / She / architect / an

\_\_\_\_\_

2. love / music / I

\_\_\_\_\_

3. the / player / is / best / He

\_\_\_\_\_

4. They / Spanish / speak

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5. for / waited / an / We / hour

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6. a / This / difficult / is / question

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### Exercise 6: Word Sort

Write each phrase in the correct column.

doctor | idea | President | speak French | good book | honest person | best restaurant | love music | new job | drink water

| A | AN | THE | No Article |
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### Exercise 7: Complete the Conversation

Fill each gap with a / an / the / — (no article).

**Maya:** I got \_\_\_ new job! I am going to work as \_\_\_ environmental consultant.

**Jack:** That is fantastic! Is it \_\_\_ job you applied for last month?

**Maya:** Yes! I love \_\_\_ nature and I really want to help protect it.

**Jack:** Where is \_\_\_ office?

**Maya:** It is \_\_\_ hour away by train.

### Exercise 8: Mixed Practice

Answer each question carefully.

- \_\_\_ Amazon is the longest river in South America. ( A / AN / The / — )
- "I play a tennis every day." — Is this correct? (True / False)
- My sister is \_\_\_ excellent cook. ( a / an / the / — )
- "Happiness is important." — No article is correct here. (True / False)
- \_\_\_ Pacific Ocean is very deep. ( A / AN / The / — )
- "She is a honest woman." — This is correct. (True / False)
- I need \_\_\_ advice about my studies. ( a / an / the / — )
- "He is the tallest boy in the school." — The use of "the" is correct here. (True / False)

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### Exercise 1: True or False — Answers

1. **True** — Uncountable nouns in general → no article.
2. **False** — Jobs → A/AN: She is a doctor.
3. **True** — The H is silent in "hour" → vowel sound → AN.
4. **True** — General statement about all dogs → no article.
5. **True** — Superlatives always use THE.
6. **False** — Sports use no article: He plays football.
7. **True** — "university" = /j/ sound → A, not AN.
8. **False** — Abstract nouns in general → no article: Life is beautiful.

### Exercise 2: Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **an** — "hour" — silent H, vowel sound → AN.
2. — **(no article)** — Music in general → no article.
3. **the** — Superlative → THE most talented.
4. **a** — "university" → /j/ sound → A.
5. — **(no article)** — Children in general → no article.
6. **an** — "honest" — silent H, vowel sound → AN.
7. **the** — Specific traffic lights → THE.
8. — **(no article)** — General habit → no article.

### Exercise 3: Matching — Answers

1. G
2. C
3. D
4. H
5. E
6. A
7. F
8. B

### Exercise 4: Gap Fill — Answers

1. **an** — "architect" starts with a vowel → AN.
2. — **(no article)** — "Pollution" in general → no article.
3. **a** — "second-hand" starts with consonant → A.
4. **the** — Superlative → THE best.
5. **an** — "hour" — silent H → AN.
6. — **(no article)** — "swimming" as a general activity → no article.
7. **the** — Specific entrance (we know which) → THE.
8. — **(no article)** — Languages → no article: she speaks French.

### Exercise 5: Word Order — Answers

1. She is an architect.
2. I love music.
3. He is the best player.
4. They speak Spanish.
5. We waited for an hour.
6. This is a difficult question.

### Exercise 6: Word Sort — Answers

**A:** a doctor, a good book, a new job

**AN:** an idea, an honest person

**THE:** the President, the best restaurant

**No Article:** speak French, love music, drink water

### Exercise 7: Conversation — Answers

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### Exercise 8: Mixed Practice — Answers

1. **The** — Rivers use THE: the Amazon, the Nile.
2. **False** — Sports use no article: I play tennis.
3. **an** — "excellent" starts with a vowel sound → AN.
4. **True** — Abstract nouns in general → no article.
5. **The** — Oceans use THE: the Pacific, the Atlantic.
6. **False** — "honest" → silent H → vowel sound → AN honest woman.
7. **—** — "advice" is uncountable → no article in general.
8. **True** — Superlatives use THE.