

Articles

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- **With singular countable nouns when:**

1) introducing something for the first time.

- I'm reading **a** really good article.
- I will light **a** fire.

2) referring to one of many.

- Give me **an** apple from the fridge.

3) When it means (per).

- Raspberries 3 JOD **a** kilo. I visit them four or five times **a** year.

4) It comes before (lot).

- **A** lot of people prefer houses.

5) It comes with specific jobs.

- **a** designer. **an** engineer.

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- With specific or known items when:

1) second mentions.

- I'm reading a really good article. **The** article talks about....

2) Superlatives.

- **The** largest. **The** best. **The** most. **The** least. **The** bluest.

3) comparatives (from a known group of two).

- I have two sisters, **the** older sister is in Egypt.

4) ordinal numbers.

- **The** first. **The** second. **The** third. **The** fourth. **The** last.
- **The** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

5) decades and centuries.

- In **the** 1950s. **the** 18th century. **the** 1800s

6) Adjective without noun to indicate all the group.

- **the** rich, **the** poor, **the** blind.

7) Usually with seasons.

- **The** winter, **the** spring, **the** summer, **the** autumn (fall).

8) With mountain ranges, oceans, seas, and rivers.

- **the** Alps, **the** pacific, **the** Caribbean, **the** River Thames.
- **the** mountains, **the** sea, **the** river

9) Unique things.

- **the** population, **the** capital, **the** Egyptian pyramids, **the** wild,
- **the** moon, **the** status of liberty, **the** road. **the** city centre.

10) The noun of the noun.

- **The** head of **the** family, **the** tent in a remote part of **the** island.
- **The** top of **the** nearby cliffs.

11) Names of countries when it is in details or abbreviation.

- **The** united states of America, **the** HK

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Ø (Zero Article)

- **used with:**

1) uncountable nouns.

- We need **energy**, spend more on **healthy food**, do you want **tea** or **coffee**,

2) plural nouns.

- Without **detailed directions**, to give **lessons** to **conservation experts**, **passive houses**. I have got **really nice flat mates**.

3) Names of people, places and, continents, most countries.

- Omar went to **Wadi Rum** in **Jordan**.
- Huda went to **Queen Alia International Airport**.
- It is in **Scotland**.
- I live in **Amman**.
- I was in **Thailand**.
- We are going to visit **Egypt**.
- Welcome to **Belgium**.
- It's from **Dubai**. I want to travel round **South America**.
- He invented passive houses in **Germany**, which is in **Europe**.

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4) Nouns in General statements.

- **Life** was very hard.

5) Pronouns.

- Believe in **yourself**.

6) Name of one mountain.

- Climbing **Jabal Umm ad Dami**.

- Use Ø (no article) when referring to the institution's function or general purpose:
 - He is in Ø hospital. (as a patient)
 - She goes to Ø school. (as a student)
 - He is in Ø prison. (as a prisoner)

- Use 'the' when referring to the building as a physical location or when not used for its primary purpose:
 - His brother is visiting him in the hospital.
 - The children are playing near the school.
 - The police officer is at the prison for a meeting.