

Grade 4:

## Lesson 1

Objectives:

1. Student will recognize that articles are always used with nouns
2. Student will be able to identify articles and use them correctly in a sentence

Standards:

Language

4.LA.1 Demonstrate command of English grammar and usage when writing or speaking



## ARTICLES

### ARTICLE DEFINITION

An article is a **word** that modifies or describe the **noun**

### TYPES OF ARTICLES

**Definite** article is used in relation a particular noun

**The** cat sat on the sofa.

**Indefinite** identify the thing or person being spoken about

You have **a** pencil.

She has **an** apple.

## What is an article?



Articles are words that define a noun that can be either specific or not specific. We will learn about the articles **a**, **an** and **the**.

For example:

I ate **the** cookies with **a** cup of milk and it was delicious.

Here, **the** cookies are specific cookies that are mentioned and those were very delicious.

However, when we mention **a** cup of milk it means that any cup of milk tastes the same and for that reason it is not specific. The difference is that **a** cup of milk is **general** while **the** cookies are a **specific** kind of cookies.

Use "a" when the word begins with a consonant

sound:

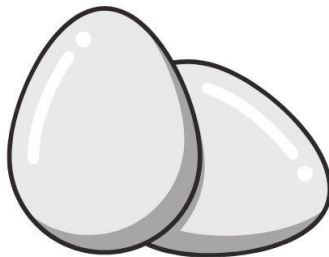
- a banana
- a river
- a flower



Use "an" when the word begins with a vowel

sound:

- an airplane
- an egg
- an eye



## What is an article?

When to use the a/an articles:

- First time to introduce an object: **a** movie, **a**

book



- One of a group: **a** student, **an** engineer



- Synonym of number one: **a** computer, **an**

eraser



- Not specific or of a similar type: **a** phone, **a**

pencil



Do **not** use a/an article with:

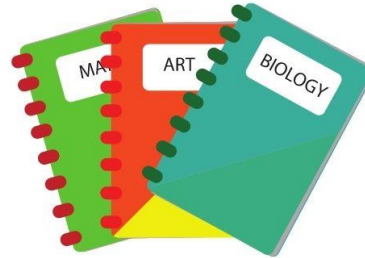
- Names of languages and people's nationalities:

Japanese, German, Haitian, Ethiopian



- Names of academic subjects: biology, science,




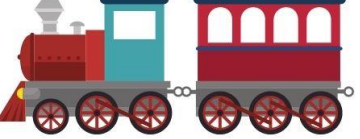


history



- Names of sports: baseball, basketball, boxing



Circle the correct articles "a" and "an" for each noun:

penguin	umbrella	shoe			
					
a	an	a	an	a	an
train	ant	envelope			
					
a	an	a	an	a	an

Use the article "the" before:

1. Countries that have kingdom, state or republic in their name: **the** Federal Republic of Germany, **the** United States
2. Deserts, forests, gulfs and peninsulas: **the** Sahara desert, **the** Iberian Peninsula, **the** Yunque forest
3. Family names: **the** Rivera family, **the** Colón family, **the** Gómez family
4. Things that cannot be counted: **the** milk, **the** rice, **the** water
5. Points on the globe: **the** Equator, **the** North Pole
6. Geographical areas: **the** Middle East, **the** West
7. Newspapers: **the** Washington Post, **the** New York Times
8. Hospitals, hotels and restaurants: **the** Alfredo's Pizza, **the** Cheesecake's
9. Names of rivers, oceans, and seas: **the** Caribbean sea, **the** Great Loíza river
10. Well-known buildings or works of art: **the** Science Park, **the** Pyramid of Giza
11. Superlatives: **the** largest, **the** best



**the** Yunque Forest



**the** Rivera family



**the** Equator



**the** Washington Post



**the** Caribbean Sea



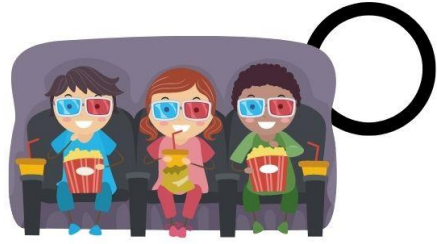
**the** Science Park



**the** Alfredo's Pizza

Complete the sentences with the correct articles (a, and, the). Then match the sentence with the picture.

1) She is \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter.



2) I want \_\_\_\_\_ alpaca as \_\_\_\_\_ pet.



3) \_\_\_\_\_ movie was very interesting.

4) The museum has \_\_\_\_\_ asteroid on display.



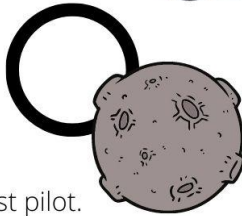
5) That doctor is \_\_\_\_\_ hero.

6) Puerto Rico has \_\_\_\_\_ incredible history.



7) He is training to become \_\_\_\_\_ astronaut.

8) She took her cat to \_\_\_\_\_ park.



9) My dream is to become \_\_\_\_\_ best pilot.

10) I cannot wait to see \_\_\_\_\_ meteor shower.

**Complete the story with the correct articles (a, and, the).**

My name is Tatiana. I am \_\_\_\_\_ girl. I have \_\_\_\_\_ dog. He has \_\_\_\_\_ doghouse.

When I wake up in \_\_\_\_\_ morning, I brush my teeth. Then my mom gives me \_\_\_\_\_ best breakfast ever with \_\_\_\_\_ cup of orange juice. For a snack I took \_\_\_\_\_ mango to school.

When I come back home, I do all \_\_\_\_\_ homework. It takes me \_\_\_\_\_ hour to finish. And then, I prepare for \_\_\_\_\_ next morning.

My friends Andrea and Irene are \_\_\_\_\_ best. We always go to \_\_\_\_\_ backyard together in \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon to play. Sometimes we read \_\_\_\_\_ English book out loud!

My dad reads me \_\_\_\_\_ story so I can sleep. My days are \_\_\_\_\_ best.

**From 1 to 5 match the order of the pictures with the order of the story.**

