

grammar



B1/B2/C1

articles

A / An & The



WELCOME

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¿Sabes realmente cómo usar los artículos en inglés? Conoce los artículos **A / AN / THE** y sabrás cómo utilizarlos. Aquí tienes una guía de uso con ejemplos muy completa, que no se te escape ni uno, **¡Adelante!**

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

THE

ZERO ARTICLE

Generic things expressed
in singular.

"The bicycle was invented
200 years ago"

"The Elephant is found in
Africa and Asia"

Generic things expressed
in plural.

"Bicycles were invented
200 years ago"

"Elephants are found in
Africa and Asia"

Specific groups/things
in an explicit context.

"The people from my
work recycle"

**** WATCH OUT:
explicit context.**

Social groups as a whole.

"People, Women,
Children, Men, Boys,
Girls, etc..."

"People are happier
at Christmas"

Unique things.

"The Sun; The moon;
The People;
The internet"

Uncountable, plural
& abstract things

"Happiness is all
that matters"

Newspapers.

"The Times;
The Independent"

Illnesses

"He has flu"

EXCEPTIONS:
a cold, a headache.....

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

THE

ZERO ARTICLE

Superlatives.

"The biggest; The best;
The worst"

Magazines

"Do you read
Cosmopolitan
magazine?"

National groups.

"The English are a
mixed race"

Expressions:

- At home / Go home.
- In / To class.
- To / In / Into /
from church.
- To / In / Into /
Out of prison, hospital,
bed.
- To / At / From work.
- For / At / To breakfast,
lunch, dinner.
- By car, bus, train, plain ...
- By chance, accident.
- On foot.

Already mentioned things.

"There's a boy running
in the park;
The boy is wearing
a red t-shirt"

Hotels, cinemas and
theatres.

"The Ritz, The Odeon,
The Opera House"

Dates

"The 10th of October"

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

<p>Oceans, seas, rivers, deserts.</p> <p>“The Atlantic Ocean; The Sahara; The Thames”</p>	<p>Continents & countries.</p> <p>“They’re visiting Africa”</p>
<p>Range of mountains & Island groups.</p> <p>“ The Alps”</p> <p>“The Andes”</p> <p>“The Canary Islands”</p> <p>“The Maldives”</p>	<p>Specific mountains & lakes.</p> <p>“Mount Everest”</p> <p>“Lake Garda”</p>
<p>When “the” is included in the name.</p> <p>“The UK” “The USA”</p> <p>“The Czech Republic”</p>	<p>Villages, towns & cities.</p> <p>“I have students who live in Barcelona”</p> <p>“ I was skiing in Saint Lary”</p>

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

Streets & Roads

“It’s nice to go shopping in Oxford Street”

“ She lives in Egerton Road”

***** WATCH OUT !!!** Some roads have “the” in their own name. eg: “The 5th Avenue” “The Beeches”

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

A

AN

Singular, countable things. “A paper” “An Elephant”

* **WATCH OUT!** If it has already been mentioned, we shall need to use “the”.

A: I’m watching a horror movie.

B: Did you enjoy the movie?

(A turns into the because we had already mentioned it)

In English we always fit “a/an” before professions. It’s something you don’t do in many other languages (not in Spanish or French, for example) so it’s hard to remember, you must be careful and pay attention.

“She’s a doctor”

“He’s an architect”

“She’s an accountant”

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

A

AN

Certain numbers: A hundred / A thousand
/A million.

“A hundred and twenty”

“A thousand two hundred and eighty six”

“A hundred thousand”

Certain expressions: Such a ... / What a.../

A pair of... / A good /nice time... /

A range of...

“It’s such a beautiful day”



CLASS RECAP

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ZERO ARTICLE

03

A / AN