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## Use of articles with Noun

(**Noun** is the name of a **person, a place, a thing, a quality or an idea.**)

### Use of articles with proper nouns

- Articles **never come with the names of any person or place.**

*Example:*

- Ram was **an** obedient son.
- Rome is **an** ancient city.

*Exceptions:*

In the following cases, article **A/An is used** before **proper nouns**. (**Read Articles A, an, the uses complete concept.**)

*Example:*

- A** Mr. Sharma has come to meet you.
- This book is written by **a** Dinesh Mishra.

In sentences (1) and (2), The noun '**Mr. Sharma**' and '**Mr. Dinesh Mishra**' are not known to the speaker and he knows only the name that has been conveyed to him, so **A** is used before '**Mr. Sharma**' and '**Mr. Dinesh Mishra**'

When **a person or place** is mentioned in a sentence for **comparative purpose**, '**the**' comes before that proper noun.

*Example:*

- He is **the Ram** of modern India.
- He is **a Hitler**.
- Jaipur is **the Rome** of India.

'**The**' comes before the **names of a few places.**

*Example:*

- The** Great Britain
- The** Netherlands
- The** Hague.

- '**The**' does not come with the **names of States. Exception - 'The Punjab'.**
- '**The**' is not **used** with the **name of any country.**

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*Example:* America, Russia, China etc.

However, If 'Union', 'United', 'Republic' or 'Kingdom' comes with the names of the country, 'the' is used.

*Example:* The U.S.A., The Soviet Union, The Irish Republic.

- 'The' comes before the names of mountain ranges.

*Example:* 'The Himalayas', 'The Alps'.

**Note:** 'Aravali' is not a mountain range. Hence 'the' doesn't come before it.

'The' doesn't come before the names of the **mountain peaks**.

*Example:* Mt. Everest, Mt. Abu.

- 'The' Comes before 'nationality' but **not** with the name of any 'language'.

*Example:*

**The** English speak English.

**The** English defeated **the** French.

- Article does **not** come before the **name of any disease**.

**Exceptions:** The Measles, The Rickets, The Mumps, The plague, The Flu.

**When we use the with proper nouns?**

Here, we have a list of 25 Examples.

1. **Names of Rivers:**      **The** Yamuna, **The** Ganga, **The** Godawari, **The** Sutlej.
2. **Names of Seas:**      **The** Arabian sea, **The** Caribbean sea.
3. **Names of Oceans:**      **The** Indian Ocean, **The** Pacific Ocean, **The** Atlantic Ocean.
4. **Names of Group of islands:**      **The** Lakshadweep, **The** Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
5. **Names of Heavenly Objects:**      **The** Sun, **The** Venus,
6. **Names of Bays:**      **The** Bay of Bengal.

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7. **Names of Deserts:**      **The** Sahara Desert.
8. **Names of Canals:**      **The** Suez Canal.
9. **Names of Newspaper:** **The** Hindu, **The** Times of India.
10. **Names of Movements:** **The** Quit India Movement.
11. **Names of Union:**      **The** U.N.
12. **Names of Airways/Trains:**      **The** Jet Airways, **The** Intercity, **The** Rajdhani Express.
13. **Names of Political Parties:**      **The** BJP, **The** congress.
14. **Names of Statutes / Acts:**      **The** Indian Penal code, **The** Legislature.
15. **Names of Religion:**      **The** Hindu, **The** Muslims, **The** Sikhs.
16. **Names of Inventions:**      **The** telescope, **The** telephone.
17. **Names of any Clubs:**      **The** Lions Club,
18. **Names of Dynasty:**      **The** Marathas, **The** Peshwas
19. **Names of body parts:**      Only when a possessive adjective is replaced by any article otherwise article don't come before parts of the body. (*Example:* He was wounded in his/ the eye.)
20. **Dates:**      **The** 15th of May.
21. **Army/Police:**      **The** Army, **The** Police.
22. **Names of Planets:**      **The** Venus, **The** Mars.
23. **Names of hotels:**      **The** Taj Hotel.
24. **Names of Era, Revolutions & Wars:**      **The** Middle Ages, **The** French Revolution.
25. **Names of Things that are unique:**      **The** world, **The** universe, **The** environment. **The** atmosphere.

- **'The'** Comes before **space** only when it means **'room'**.

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## Example:

1. He tried to park his car but **the** space was not enough.
2. Many astronauts dream of going to space.

- **'The'** is used before directions - **The** East, **The** West.

If direction comes before the name of any place, **'the'** is **not used**.

## Example: West Bengal

*Article does not come before northern, Southern, Eastern, Western as they are adjectives and will not take any article unless followed by a suitable noun.*

## Example: Western India.

## See more Examples:

1. **The** sun rises in **the** east.
  2. He is going to **North America**.
  3. Rajasthan is in **Western Europe**.
  4. Sweden is in **Northern Europe**.
- **Before the names of holy books:** **The** Gita, **The** Bible.
  - **Before the names of monuments:** **The** Taj Mahal, **The** Red fort.

**Note:** **'The'** does not come before the names of buildings, monuments, and sacred Books if the name comprises two or more words out of which one is the name of a person or place.

**Example:** Delhi Airport, Victoria Place, London Zoo, Jai Singh Palace, Indira Gandhi Airport, Valmiki's Ramanayan, Banabhatta's Kadambari.

- **Names of movements:** **The** Quit India Movement.
- **Names of Posts:** **The** Chairman, **The** director

Here **A/an** can also be used before the names of the posts if we are talking about one out of many similar posts.

## Example:

She is **a** director of the company.

## When not to use articles before noun

We do not use articles in case of:

1. **Names of months:** July, September, etc.

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2. **Names of days:** Sunday, Monday, etc.
3. **Names of Subjects:** Maths, Physics, etc.
4. **Name of roads:** Mall road, M.L. Road, etc.
5. **Names of meals:** Lunch and Dinner, etc.
6. **Names of languages:** English, Hindi, etc.
7. **Names of Hobbies:** Gardening, Shining, etc.
8. **Names of Games:** Hockey, Cricket, etc.
9. **Before noun complement:** Appoint, make, elect, select.

*Example:* They elected him the president.  
'Heaven', 'Hell', God' and 'Parliament'

*Example:*

10. **'The' is not used before:**
  1. Go to hell.
  2. God resides in heaven.
  3. The bill was passed in Parliament

## Use of articles with Common Noun

- If an object is **already known** to both the speaker and the listener, article **'The'** is used before it.

*Example:*

1. Kindly return **the** book (That I gave you)
2. Can you turn off **the** light. (The light in the room)

- If an **article** comes before a **singular common noun**, it can represent the **entire species**.

*Example:* A dog is a faithful animal.

**Note:** Man doesn't come under this rule because the word 'man' means a human being.

*Example:* Man is mortal.

- When we talk about a **personality present inside a person**, article comes with the name of that personality.

*Example:*

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1. **The** judge (moral of judge) in him, prevailed upon **the** father (Love of father for his son) and he sentenced his son to death.
  2. **A** mother (feelings of motherhood) was born in her when she saw the baby.
- If **Schools, colleges, Temple** are denoted in reference to their primary purpose, article is not used.

## *Example:*

1. Children should go to school.
2. I go to temple every morning.

An article is used if school, college, temple etc. denotes a place or a building and not its primary purpose.

## *Example:*

1. My house is behind **a** school.
2. The college is next to **the** temple.

## Use of articles with Abstract Noun/Material Noun

**No Article** is generally used with abstract nouns. They are uncountable **nouns** hence **A/An** cannot be used with them.

## *Example:*

1. Gold is precious.
2. Honesty is the best policy.

**Note:** If nouns are followed by 'of' an article **precedes** the noun.

**Article + Noun + of + ....**

## *Example:*

1. **The** cotton **of** Egypt is known for its superior quality.
2. **The** honesty **of** this boy is liked by all.