

# Grammar Power 6

## ARTICLES

# INDEFINITE ARTICLES

Generally, we use **a** in front of words starting with a **consonant sound**.

*Examples:* a mountain; a car; a television

We use **an** in front of words starting with a **vowel sound**.

*Examples:* an ocean; an apple; an exercise



**A** and **an** are used with **singular nouns only**. They are used in a **general sense**.

# DEFINITE ARTICLES

We use **the** in front of singular or plural nouns to describe something or someone **specific or unique**.

Indefinite articles <b>a</b> and <b>an</b>	Definite article <b>the</b>
<b>A</b> mountain <b>An</b> ocean <b>A</b> river	<b>The</b> Rockies <b>The</b> Atlantic <b>The</b> St. Lawrence River
I want <b>a</b> chocolate bar. He will be back in <b>an</b> hour. <b>A</b> litre of gasoline used to cost 25 cents. It's such <b>a</b> nice day today.	The chocolate bar is in <b>the</b> box. Look at <b>the</b> picture. I missed <b>the</b> bus. We are looking at <b>the</b> clouds.



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No articles are needed in front of...	Examples
The names of sports	baseball, soccer, hockey, tennis
The name of school subjects	mathematics, science, art, music
The names of languages	French, Spanish, English
The names of lakes and bays	Lake Ontario, Hudson Bay
The names of single mountains	Mount Everest, Mount Logan
The names of continents	Europe, Asia, America, Africa
The names of provinces or states	Quebec, New York, Ontario
The names of cities	Montreal, Longueuil, Chicoutimi
The names of countries	Canada, France, Italy, Spain, Peru
The names of streets	Main Street, Sherbrooke Street

**No articles** are needed in front of **plural nouns** that are **indefinite**.