

Articles:

A/AN: We speak about st for the **first time** + collocations:

Once a week, 3 times a day, 1.20 USD a kilo

We say what kind of person/thing somebody/something is:

A dog is an animal. Are you a good driver?

We talk ab out jobs: Sandra is a nurse. (in plural we use some instead)

THE: particular thing – I cleaned the car = my car

It is clear which thing or person we mean – in a room: the light, the floor, the ceiling, the door, the carpet

Go to the bank, to the post office /certain in the town/, the doctor, to the dentist, to the cinema, to the theatre

The city centre, the army

When there is **only one of something**: the longest river in the world, the end of this month, the sun, the moon

The sky, the sea, the ground, the country, the environment, the space
/!space without article =universe/

The same

The radio - ! television /no article/

The school, the prison, the hospital, the university, the church = particular school... /her mother has gone to the school where her daughter is/

A type of things: the giraffe is the tallest animal. The bicycle is a very good means of transport. The dollar is the currency of the USA

Musical instruments: the guitar, the piano...

The + adjective = group of people /sg/: the young the old the sick
The rich the poor the dead
the disabled the unemployed
the injured the homeless

The + nationality: the French, the English, the Chinese, the Sudanese /pl/

NAMES: containing a general word: republic, kingdom, state:

The Dominican Republic, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom

Oceans, seas, rivers, canals: the Atlantic Ocean, the Amazon, the Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal

In plural: people: the Taylors

Countries: The Netherlands

Groups of islands: the Bahamas

Mountain ranges /horská pásma/: the Alps, the Rocky Mountains

The north, the south-east of /France/, the Middle East, the Far East

Hotels, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, museums, galleries, newspapers, organisations: the Bombay restaurant, The British Museum, The Washington Post, the BBC

Names with of: the Bank of England

NO ARTICLE:

Meals – breakfast, lunch dinner

Television

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School, prison, hospital, university, church - / =general idea/ go to school,
be at school, school begins at...

Bed, work, home

Sea /in the meaning of voyage/ ! I'd like to live near the sea

People, things in general: dogs, teachers, music, Chinese food,

Names of sports: football, skiing, athletics...

With most: most people, most books...

NAMES: People: Ann, John Brown

Places: continents: Africa

Countries: France, Japan

States, regions: Texas, Tuscany, Central Europe

Islands: Corsica, Sicily

Cities, towns: Cairo, New York, Madrid

Mountains: Everest, Etna

Mount+lake: Mount Everest, Lake Ontario

Nothern France, south-easter Spain

Streets, roads, squares, parks: Union Street, Fifth Avenue, Times
Square, Hyde Park

Institutions named after certain people: McDonalds, Harrods...

Mr/Mrs/Captain/Doctor: Mr Johnson, Captain Cook, President
Bush,

Uncle, aunt, saint, Princess: Princess Diana, uncle Sam...