

A2

ARTICLES

≈ 27 MIN

A, An, The, or Nothing – *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock in the three article zones, brick by brick. New examples, same question: specific or general?

Ask yourself: do I mean something

specific

?

the

= both know which ·

a/an

= one of many (by sound) · general = no article

NAME

DATE

YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING



2 · FILL-IN



3 · CORRECT



4 · WRITE



BRICK 1 · SORT: SPECIFIC OR GENERAL? · APPROX. 4 MIN



Decide for each item: does it take **the** because it is unique (or a superlative or ordinal)? Then write it with **the** in the left column. Or is it meant in general? Then write it with **no article** in the right column.

sun

music

best candidate

feedback

first slide

dinner

world

coffee

biggest client

Berlin

THE + SPECIFIC / UNIQUE	NO ARTICLE + GENERAL

BRICK 2 · FILL IN A, AN, THE, OR NOTHING · APPROX. 6 MIN



Fill in **a**, **an** or **the** — or write — if no article is needed. Ask yourself each time: is it specific? is it a job title? is it general?

- 01 She works as _____ accountant at our Berlin office.
- 02 She has ten years of experience in _____ sales.
- 03 Could you send me _____ report we talked about?
- 04 We need _____ new printer for the meeting room.
- 05 This is _____ urgent matter — can we talk today?
- 06 In our team, _____ honesty matters more than speed.
- 07 It was _____ longest meeting of my life.
- 08 Let's continue this over _____ lunch tomorrow.

YOUR BUILD

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence hides exactly one article mistake — a wrong one, a missing one, or one too many. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 My new colleague is accountant.

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02 The feedback is important for our team.

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03 The workshop lasts a hour.

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04 She gave me an information about the client.

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05 It was best meeting of the week.

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06 She speaks the English very well.

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BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write one sentence for each prompt. For every noun, check: specific, one of many — or general with no article?

01 Your role: "I work as a/an ..." — name your job and mind the sound.

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02 Your routine: "I check the ... before every meeting." — one thing that is clearly specific for you and your team.

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03 Your praise: "The best thing about my job is ..."

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04 Your fuel: "... keeps me going at work." — start with something general (e.g. "coffee" or "music") — no article!

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MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I know the three zones: a/an for one of many, the for something specific, no article for general things.
- ☐ I choose a or an by sound, not by spelling: "an hour" but "a university".
- ☐ With a singular job title I use a/an: "She's an engineer."
- ☐ In general statements, uncountables and plurals I drop the article: "Music helps."

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.



Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| 01 the sun
<i>There is only one sun — unique, so the.</i> | 06 — dinner
<i>Meals take no article.</i> |
| 02 — music
<i>Uncountable and meant in general — no article.</i> | 07 the world
<i>There is only one world — unique.</i> |
| 03 the best candidate
<i>Superlative — only one can be the best.</i> | 08 — coffee
<i>Uncountable, general — no article.</i> |
| 04 — feedback
<i>Uncountable, general — no article.</i> | 09 the biggest client
<i>Superlative — only one biggest.</i> |
| 05 the first slide
<i>Ordinal number — clearly identified.</i> | 10 — Berlin
<i>Proper names take no article.</i> |

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| 01 an accountant
<i>A singular job title needs a/an; "accountant" starts with a vowel sound.</i> | 05 an urgent matter
<i>"Urgent" starts with a vowel sound.</i> |
| 02 — sales
<i>The field is meant in general — no article.</i> | 06 — honesty
<i>A general statement about an uncountable noun — no article.</i> |
| 03 the report
<i>Specific — both know which report is meant.</i> | 07 the longest meeting
<i>Superlative — only one longest.</i> |
| 04 a new printer
<i>One of many, first mention; "new" starts with /n/.</i> | 08 — lunch
<i>Meals take no article: over lunch.</i> |

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| 01 My new colleague is an accountant.
<i>English needs a/an with a singular job title — unlike German; "accountant" starts with a vowel sound.</i> | 04 She gave me some information about the client.
<i>"Information" is uncountable in English and never takes a/an — use "some information" or no article at all.</i> |
| 02 Feedback is important for our team.
<i>A general statement — English drops the article here (unlike German "das Feedback").</i> | 05 It was the best meeting of the week.
<i>Superlatives take the.</i> |
| 03 The workshop lasts an hour.
<i>Silent h — "hour" starts with a vowel sound.</i> | 06 She speaks English very well.
<i>Languages take no article.</i> |

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that your article (or a deliberate none) fits the zone: specific, one of many, or general.

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| 01 "I work as a business analyst."
<i>Job title with a/an; "business" starts with /b/. With a vowel sound: "I work as an office manager."</i> | 03 " The best thing about my job is the team."
<i>Superlative: "the best" — there is only one best thing.</i> |
| 02 "I check the sales figures before every meeting."
<i>Specific — those exact figures, known to the team.</i> | 04 " Coffee keeps me going at work."
<i>Uncountable and general — the sentence starts with no article at all.</i> |

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