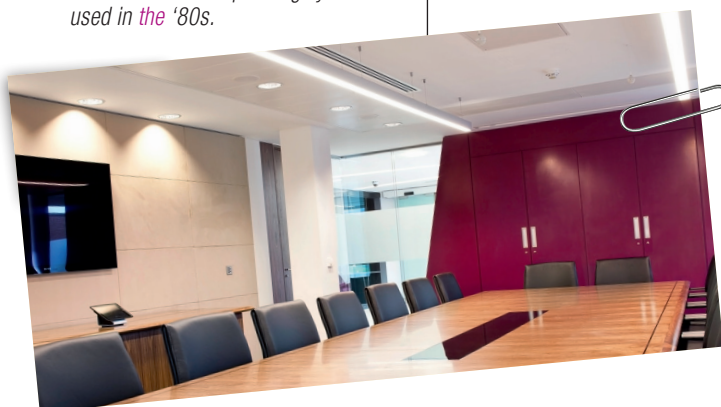



Articles

	DEFINITE ARTICLE	INDEFINITE ARTICLE	ZERO ARTICLE
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ THE + singular/plural countable/uncountable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A + consonant sound + singular countable ■ AN + vowel sound + singular countable 	
Use	<p>The definite article is used with/indicates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ something specific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The worker who always arrives late has been dismissed.</i> ■ something that we have already referred to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Yes, please, the tablet on top of the books.</i> ■ titles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The www was intended by Tim Berners Lee in 1989.</i> ■ (+ plural) surnames to indicate the whole family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The Robinsons have bought a new computer.</i> ■ adjectives to refer to groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The young will certainly like this new version of the software.</i> ■ musical instruments, balls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>I play the violin to give vent to my work stress.</i> ■ plural nations or groups of states <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The Ireland Republic has vetoed imports of our product.</i> ■ rivers, seas, mountain ranges, group of islands, deserts, canals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>These are some hydropower stations along the Po river.</i> ■ names of cinemas, theatres, museums, hotels, public institutions, ships, newspapers and magazines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The manager will be accommodated at the Sheraton.</i> ■ groups of years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>MS-DOS was the operating system used in the '80s.</i> 	<p>The indefinite article is used with/indicates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ any one of a particular type of thing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>You can never find a stapler in this office!</i> ■ first reference to someone/something <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Look! There's an article on our company on the newspaper.</i> ■ job, social condition, religious or political creed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>I'm an engineer and I'm a Liberal.</i> ■ general description, definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>A paper clip is what you use to keep some more sheets of paper together.</i> ■ fractions, hundred, thousand, million, half <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Half a million people have asked for it, but only a third actually bought it.</i> ■ expressions referring to measure (weight, quantity and time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>We import raw material from China twice a month.</i> ■ exclamations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>What a catchy slogan, I like it!</i> ■ Mr, Miss, Mrs, Ms when meaning 'a certain' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>John? A Mrs Smith is asking for you on line 3.</i> 	<p>The zero article is used with/indicates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ (+ plural) general reference to people or things <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>We deal with plastic items.</i> ■ abstract concepts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>We shouldn't waste energy if we're a green company.</i> ■ proper nouns (people, cities, stations, airports) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The boss has just landed at Heathrow.</i> ■ activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Collaborating is what I want my employees to do.</i> ■ colours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Red will be the colour of our logo.</i> ■ festivities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>We are going to be closed at Christmas.</i> ■ languages, school subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>We don't speak Chinese, sorry.</i> ■ beverages, meals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Mary has taken the clients out to lunch.</i> ■ religions, sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The TPU trainers we're about to produce are good both for tennis and squash.</i> ■ substances, materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>We only use natural rubber for the soles of our trainers.</i> ■ singular states, regions, mountains, islands, lakes, continents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>There are lots of wind farms in Sardinia.</i> ■ squares, streets, parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Let's meet in Times Square, at 4 pm, would that be fine?</i> ■ Mr, Miss, Mrs, Ms + name <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>Mr Smith has just called.</i> ■ dates, times, seasons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>It's 3 pm.</i> ■ hospital, university, prison, school used for their primary purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The worker who has burt his hand is in hospital, unfortunately.</i> ■ nouns + numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > <i>The meeting is being held in Room 5.</i>



28  Circle the articles that can be used in these phrases. Then, write a sentence for each possible alternative.

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| 1. A/An/The/0 Seine | 7. A/An/The/0 church |
| 2. A/An/The/0 United Kingdom | 8. A/An/The/0 HR manager |
| 3. A/An/The/0 Isle of Man | 9. A/An/The/0 mobile phones |
| 4. A/An/The/0 chair | 10. A/An/The/0 pen next to the book |
| 5. A/An/The/0 Mr Reddington | 11. A/An/The/0 thousand |
| 6. A/An/The/0 yellow | 12. A/An/The/0 rich |

29  Correct the wrong articles in these sentences.

- Hundred of our customers are asking for refund.
- Should the unemployed people protest more with the government?
- ABD Ltd Bulletin is published three times an year.
- Taking a boat on Thames in the London is too expensive.
- The spring is an ideal time to launch the our product.
- We have a branch here in the George Street and another one in Atlanta.
- We export to the Africa, to the Thailand and to the US at least once the month.
- Kim's personnel manager but she's attending a course in an accounting, too.
- Don't worry, everybody makes the mistakes and the boss is very understanding.
- We only use the 24k gold for the our jewels.

30  Complete the text with the missing articles. For zero articles, write /.

Solid-state Drive

1. solid-state drive (SSD) is 2. data storage device, typically used in 3. computer. It uses 4. flash memory to store 5. data even after power is turned off. SSDs are designed to access data in 6. same way as 7. traditional hard disk drives (HDDs). An HDD can usually be directly replaced with 8. SSD.

9. best thing about solid-state drives is that they have 10. much faster read/write speed than hard disk drives. They also have no moving parts, which means they don't make 11. noise or break as easily. However, SSDs can be more expensive than 12. hard drive. This also means that for 13. same price, someone can get much more capacity

if they select an HDD instead.

A hybrid drive combines the features of 14. HDD and an SSD into one unit. It contains 15. large HDD and a smaller SSD cache to improve performance of frequently accessed files. 16. hybrid drive can offer almost 17. same performance as an SSD and it can contain more capacity. The price is also lower than that of an SSD.

18. solid state drive technology is improving quickly and 19. new SSD models are being introduced often. However, they have not gained 20. popularity among many users yet.

Adapted from: https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solid-state_drive

