

THE ARTICLE: A / AN or THE

a / an

We use A/An when:

- we are talking about something/someone not mentioned before.

"A man and a woman came to see you this morning."

- we are not referring to a particular thing:

"I'm looking for a job" (not a particular job)

- we talk about jobs: *"He's a doctor"*

- we use the expressions:

"once a week, twice a day, £12 a kilo... 'I practise karate three times a month"

- we refer to what kind of thing something is: *"The sun is a star"* (one of many)

complete and match

- Joe has bought ___ ice cream. ___ ice cream tastes delicious. Vanilla is his favourite flavour.
- Mark's mother has bought him ___ new pair of shoes. ___ new shoes are really comfortable.
- We have been to ___ hospital to visit Pete. He has broken his leg.
- Benjamin is reading ___ book his teacher recommended him to read.
- Ann has gone to do ___ shopping. She goes shopping once ___ week and she always buys ___ same products.
- Michael's team has won ___ running competition.
- Diane has got many sweets in her bag. ___ bag is almost full.
- Tom has to take ___ awful medicine today.



more activities!

the

We use THE:

- when we talk about a particular thing: *"The man who came yesterday is here again"*

- when it is clear in the situation which person or thing we are referring to: *"Turn on the light"* *"We should clean the carpet"*

- when we talk about the usual people or places: *"I'll visit the doctor"* (my usual doctor) *"I'm going to the post office"*

- with "school" "hospital" "jail" ... when we go to visit: *"I went to the hospital to visit Joe"*

- when there is only one of something: *"Madrid is the capital of Spain"*

- with: **sky, sea, ground, country, environment, same, space** (when we refer to a specific space, not the universe)

"Look at those clouds in the sky" *"The space is too small for another bed"*

- with **go to: the cinema, the theatre, the radio, the opera...**

1. Put **the, a/an** where necessary:

- Susan lives in small town in country.

- Earth goes around sun

- President of United States is Barack Obama.

- We do same things every day!

- We can go to cinema to watch film.

- Jane is looking for new job.

- Can you turn off television, please?

- Woman came to see you yesterday. I had never seen her before.

- We have to protect environment.

- I went to school to see my son's teacher _____
- We went to nice restaurant in Rome.

- London is capital of England.

- He has got new car. Car is red

- She's teacher. _____
- He's listening to radio

2. Choose the correct article:

- We went to ___ museum in Poland. I don't remember which one.
- ___ first lady visited ___ hospital yesterday morning.
- There's ___ post office at ___ end of the street.
- I'm going to ___ supermarket.
- ___ architect is someone who designs buildings.
- How often do you listen to ___ radio?
- He's bought ___ new television.
- There's ___ space between us, come and sit!
- We saw something strange in ___ sky and we called ___ police.
- ___ police officer who arrested the thieves is now a hero.
- We visited ___ hospital where Joe was taken after the accident.
- ___ hotel where we stayed in Galway was ___ very nice place.
- We have arrived at ___ same time.
- ___ exam was so difficult that I think I'll fail it.
- We went to ___ concert on Friday. I didn't know any of the groups playing.
- Does he live in ___ country?
- We can turn on ___ light now.
- Pass me ___ salt, please.