

ARTICLES (5)

Definite Article 'the' (02) - Part A: Easy

In context

5 min

What is a definite article?



the phone



the papers

The small word 'the' before the nouns 'phone' and 'papers,' is a definite article.

Definite Article 'the'

5 min

'The' is a definite article: it is used before a specific person, object or idea. It can be singular or plural.

Examples:

I like *the* bananas in this cake.

This is *the* person I need to speak to.

I'm going to *the* bus stop near *the* market.

Language Tip about the Pronunciation of 'the'

5 min

We write "the" but can say "the" or "thee".

We say "the" when the next word begins with a consonant. A consonant is: b, c, d, f, etc.

Examples:

the car

the boy

We say "thee" when the next word begins with a vowel. A vowel is: a, e, i, o, u.

Examples:

the apple (we say "*thee* apple")

the image (we say "*thee* image")

Writing exercise

5 min

Complete with 'a', 'an', or 'the'. (after reading the lessons on definite and indefinite articles)

1. I need _____ pen to write my paper.
2. I hope you know _____ address to go to the hospital.
3. Can you give me _____ umbrella that is in the car please?
4. Mike has _____ bicycle.
5. This is _____ bicycle I want for my birthday.
6. Do you have _____ email address?
7. Can you see _____ email address on the brochure?
8. Would you like _____ apple?
9. _____ phone is ringing in the bedroom.
10. He is speaking to _____ man I don't know.

Writing Exercise

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Complete with the words from this list:

keys, important, sun, cat, fruit

1. The _____ is shining today.
2. A banana is a _____.
3. I am reading an _____ document.
4. Can you please give me the _____?
5. A _____ is in the garage.

Reading Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Read these words to your teacher.

1. the plant

2. the answer
3. the eggs
4. the students
5. the international competition

Speaking Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Name five objects around you, using articles.

Example: this is the computer on my desk.

Quiz

5 min

Put the words in the list in the correct columns:

boys, elephant, woman, invention, astronauts, Germans, Australians, street

"the" is pronounced "the"	"the" is pronounced "thee"

Complete the sentences with 'a', 'an' or 'the':

1. I take _____ shower every evening.
2. Where is _____ jacket I like?
3. She is _____ woman I love.
4. Mr. Green manages _____ international company.