

## 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

5 min

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.