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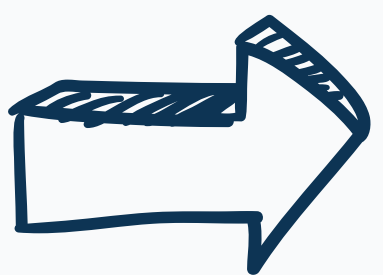
Determiners are words that **come before a noun** to give information about the noun. They help to determine which specific noun is being referred to in a sentence.

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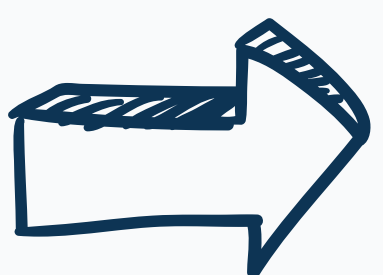
Articles: "a," "an," and "the"

Articles are a type of determiner that come before a noun to indicate whether the noun is a specific or unspecific one.

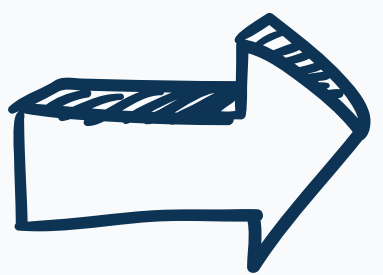
In English, there are two types of articles: "a/an" (known as the indefinite articles) and "the" (known as the definite article).



"A" is used before a singular noun that begins with a consonant sound.
For example: "A dog barked outside."



"An" is used before a singular noun that begins with a vowel sound.
For example: "An apple fell from the tree."



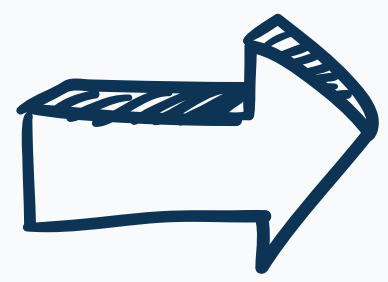
"The" is used before a specific noun, either singular or plural.
For example: "The boy in the red shirt is my brother."

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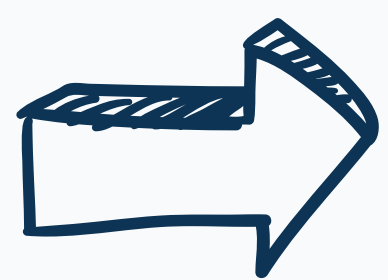
Demonstratives: "this," "that," "these," and "those"

Demonstratives are a type of determiner that indicate the location of a noun or set of nouns in relation to the speaker.

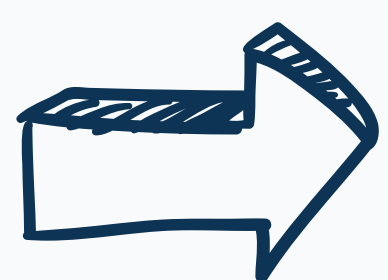
They help to point out which specific noun or set of nouns is being referred to.



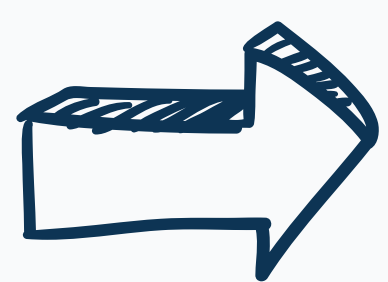
"This" is used to refer to a singular noun that is close to the speaker.
For example: "This pencil is mine."



"That" is used to refer to a singular noun that is far from the speaker.
For example: "That book on the shelf is mine."



"These" is used to refer to multiple nouns that are close to the speaker.
For example: "These shoes are mine."



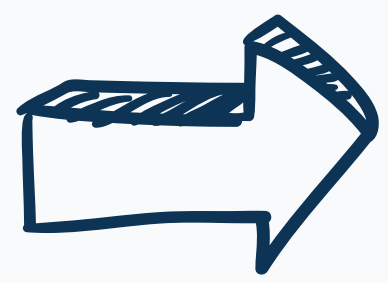
"Those" is used to refer to multiple nouns that are far from the speaker.
For example: "Those cars on the street are expensive."

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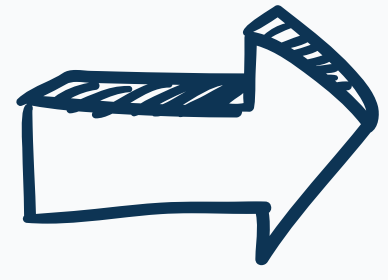
Possessives: "my," "your," "his," "her," "its," "our," and "their"

Possessives are a type of determiner that show ownership or possession of a noun.

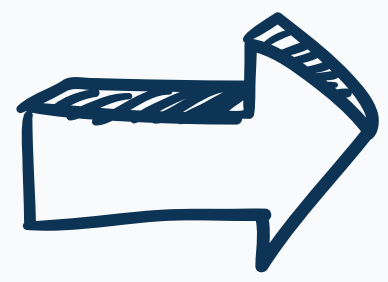
They help to indicate that something belongs to someone or something else.



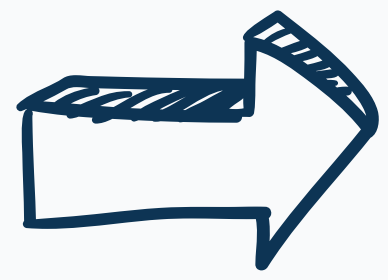
"My" is used to show ownership of a singular noun.
For example: "My bike is blue."



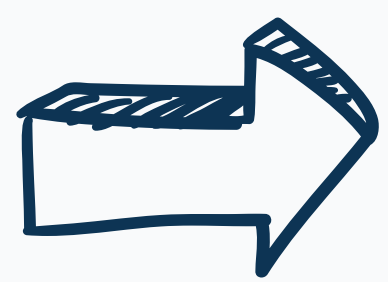
"Your" is used to show ownership of a singular noun when speaking to one person.
For example: "Your shirt is nice."



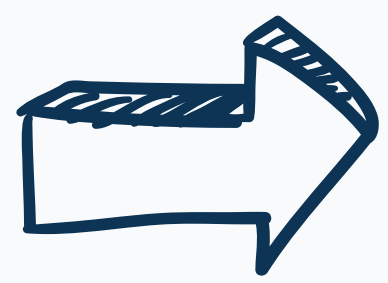
"His" is used to show ownership of a singular noun belonging to a male.
For example: "His car is fast."



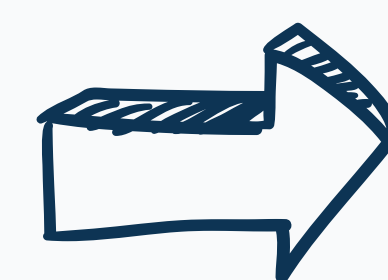
"Her" is used to show ownership of a singular noun belonging to a female.
For example: "Her cat is cute."



"Its" is used to show ownership of a singular noun belonging to an object or animal. For example: "The cat chased its tail."



"Our" is used to show ownership of a plural noun.
For example: "Our books are on the shelf."



"Their" is used to show ownership of a plural noun belonging to more than one person.
For example: "Their house is big."