Articles - a, an and the

Class Objective:

I will be able to learn the usage of articles.

Concept A: What is an article?

An article like adjective modifies the noun. An article is always used before a noun or an adjective that modifies a noun.

Examples: a car, a pen, an apple, an onion, the sun, the earth.

Concept B: Types of articles

Articles are divided into two types:

☐ Indefinite articles: 'a' or 'an'

☐ **Definite article**: the

❖ Indefinite articles A, An does not point any particular person or thing, is called Indefinite article [A/ An]. The indefinite article 'a' and 'an' is used for common (non – specific) nouns.

Example: She bought a shirt.

In the above example, shirt is a common noun. It can be any shirt.

❖ Definite articles **The** generally points out a particular person, place or thing, is called Definite articles [The].

On the other hand, the article 'the' is used only for a specific or particular noun.

The article 'the' must be used before particular nouns such as 'The America' 'The London' 'The bible'. The article 'the' may also be used before a common

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