

What Are Articles?

Articles are words that define a noun as specific or unspecific. Consider the following examples:

After the long day, the cup of tea tasted particularly good.

By using the article *the*, we've shown that it was one specific day that was long and one specific cup of tea that tasted good. After a long day, a cup of tea tastes particularly good.

By using the article *a*, we've created a general statement, implying that any cup of tea would taste good after any long day.

The indefinite articles

1. With professions: I am **a** teacher. She's an architect
2. With some expressions of quantity: a pair, a little, a few
3. In exclamation with what+ count noun: what **a** pity!

The definite articles

1. Before seas, rivers, hotels...: the Atlantic, The Times
2. One of something: the sun, the queen
3. With superlatives adjectives: he is the **richest** man in the world.

No articles

1. Before plural and uncountable nouns(general things)

Milk is good for you.

2. Before countries, towns, streets: I had lunch with John.
3. Before some places and forms of transports: to work, at home
4. In exclamation with what+ un count noun: what loud music!