

Let's Look at Articles and Determiners

Book 3 Unit 1

1 Indefinite articles

The words **a** and **an** are **indefinite articles**. **A** and **an** are also called **determiners**.

They are used before singular nouns and collective nouns that are not specified.

- We use **a** before words beginning with a **consonant**.

a programme **a** road **a** herd **a** bouquet

- We use **an** before words beginning with a **vowel**.

The vowels are **a**, **e**, **i**, **o** and **u**.

an apple **an** elephant **an** orchestra **an** army

- **Indefinite articles** are also used before adjectives.

a large box **an** exciting trip

Complete each phrase with the correct indefinite article.

1 ___ orchard 2 ___ apple orchard 3 ___ pear orchard

4 ___ book 5 ___ interesting book 6 ___ boring book

2 Definite article

Book 2 Unit 20; Book 3 Units 1, 3 & 12

The word **the** is the definite article.

- It is used before all nouns when referring to something specific.

the horse **the** building **the** anger **the** flock

- It is used before superlative adjectives.

the tallest building **the** longest river **the** most frightening film

Complete the sentences with **an** indefinite or definite article.

1 Mount Everest is _____ tallest mountain in _____ world.

2 I would like _____ cup of tea, please.

3 _____ family called _____ Robinsons have moved in next door.

Let's Look at Capital Letters

1 Capital letters

Book 1A Unit 9; Book 1B Unit 4, 7 & 11;
Book 2 Unit 5; Book 3 Unit 19

We always use a capital letter for:

- the pronoun *I*
- the beginning of a sentence
- people's names
- days of the week
- months of the year
- names of places
- book titles
- film titles
- play titles
- headings
- subheadings

You and **I** are in the team!

Where are you going?

Sarah **G**reen

Thursday

August

Buckingham **P**alace

Tom's **A**mazing **A**dventure

Invasion **O**f **P**lanet **E**arth

Romeo and **J**uliet

The **P**lanets **I**n **O**ur **S**olar **S**ystem

The **G**as **G**iants

Use a red pen and correct this piece of writing.

All the capital letters have been missed out.

a visit to a museum

on friday 27th april, year 6 went to the museum in blackminster. the coach came for us at 9 o'clock and we arrived at the museum at 9.30. our teacher, mrs howard, bought a guidebook called the marvellous museum so she could tell us about the things we were looking at.

my favourite room in the museum was all about the theatre. i liked the miniature stage sets. one of the sets was for a production of shakespeare's play king lear.

the museum also had a huge collection of roman artefacts – weapons, coins and cooking pots. you could sit and watch a film called the romans in britain which was very interesting. i learned all about hadrian's wall.

in august, the museum is having a special exhibition about explorers such as christopher columbus and captain cook. i want to come back and see that.