



Articles – are the words that used before a noun.

a, an, the

A



An



The



Indefinite and Definite Articles

Articles



Indefinite Articles

- general things
- they don't point at any particular person or thing. They always suggest any person or any thing.
- they come before singular common nouns.

a, an

Indefinite Articles – a, an

Usage

- Used before words beginning with a consonant sound

- Used before words that begin with a vowel sound.

- Use A before words, letters, numbers which sound like they begin with consonant even if the first letter is a vowel

- Use AN before words, letters, numbers which sound like they start with a vowel even if the first letter is a consonant

Examples



a man



a lamp



a cat



an apple



an eraser



an umbrella



a euro



a university



a "1"



an hour



an F



an 8

Indefinite Articles – a, an

a -> before the consonant sounds.

an -> before the vowel sounds.
(a, e, i, o, u)

Example:

Give **an** apple to eat.

Here, it refers the person wants any apple.

Indefinite Articles – a, an

When the next word starts with a
CONSONANT SOUND

A

a book

a car

a dog

a frog

a lemon

a truck

When the next word starts with a
VOWEL SOUND

AN

an apple

an egg

an insect

an orange

an umbrella

an actor

BE CAREFUL!

The **SOUND** of the letter is important

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a house

BUT

an hour

The **H** at the beginning of **hour** is **silent**.

an uncle

BUT

a university

The **U** at the beginning of **university** sounds like **YOU**.

This rule applies to all words after **A** or **AN** (including adjectives, adverbs...)

a cold day

an easy lesson

a very crazy person

an interesting class

Indefinite Articles – a or an ?



---- TREE



--- PENCIL



--- LADYBUG



--- ICE-CREAM



---- FISH



--- EGG



--- BUTTERFLY



---- CAR



---- UMBRELLA



--- ORANGE



--- FLY

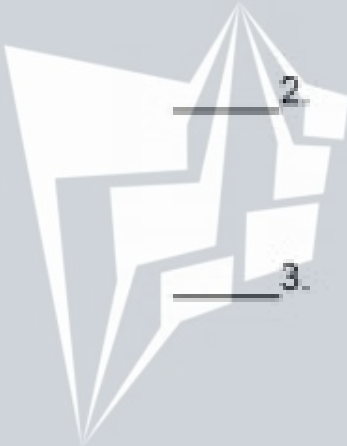


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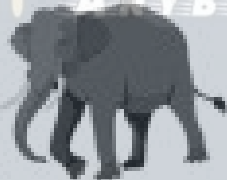
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Indefinite Articles – a or an ?

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

6. 

7. 

8. 

9. 

10. 

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Indefinite Articles – a or an ?

1  orange

2  apple

3  umbrella

4  rabbit

5  bus

6  university

7  desk

8  elephant

9  sheep

10  lemon

11  egg

12  uniform

13  igloo

14  giraffe

15  banana

16  uncle

17  flower

18  ear

19  bear

20  ring

21  arm

22  farmer

23  eye

24  eraser

Write 'a or an' before these words

1. _____ octopus

9. _____ dog

2. _____ starfish

10. _____ car

3. _____ island

11. _____ apple

4. _____ computer

12. _____ ox

5. _____ old cup

13. _____ zoo

6. _____ ball

14. _____ clown

7. _____ elephant

15. _____ alligator

8. _____ orphan

16. _____ uncle

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Definite Articles - the

the -> comes before both singular and plural nouns.

Example:

The book that you gave me was interesting.

Here, it refers to a particular book.

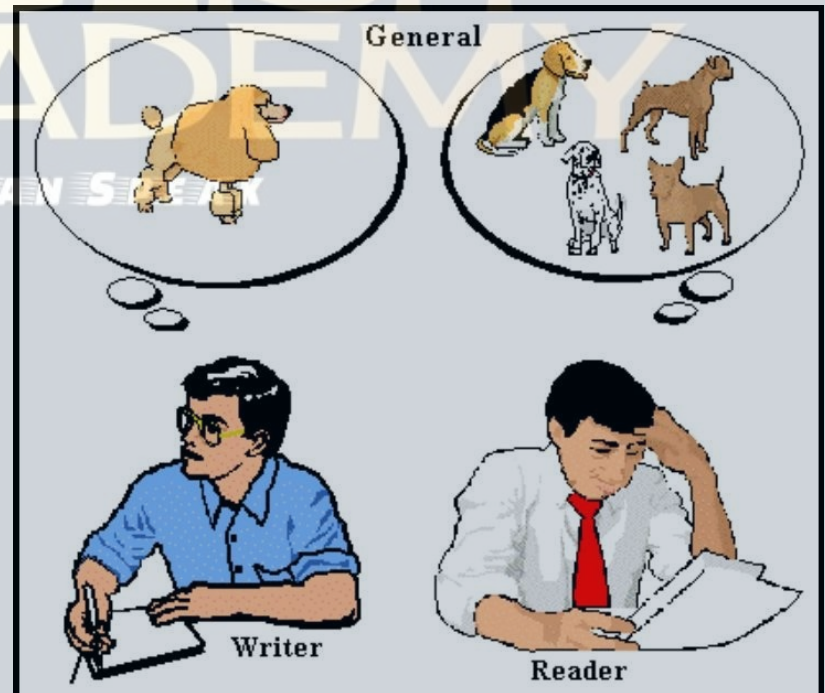
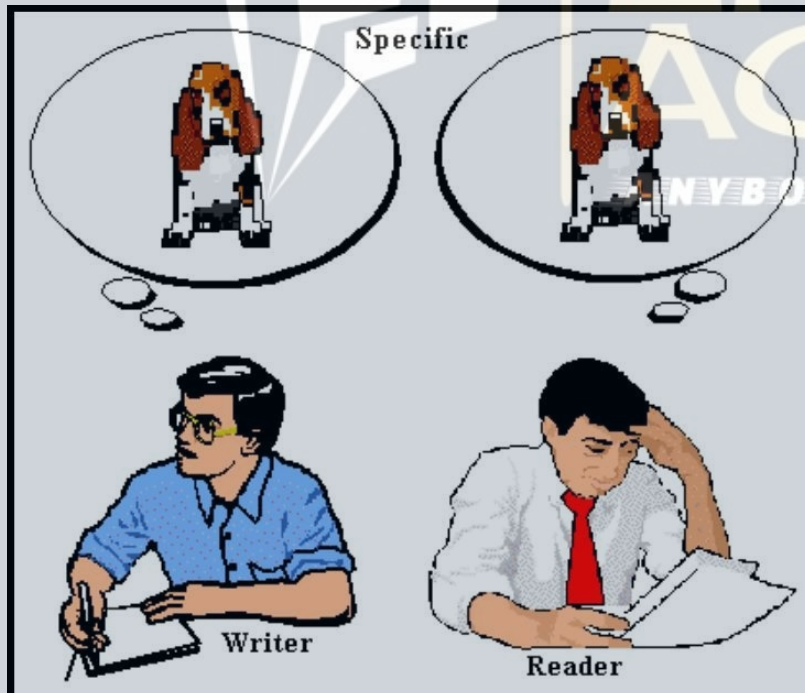
Definite Articles - the

– indicates a particular object, thing or person.

“**The**” will be used when we know about the noun before.

Do you remember **the dog** we had during our childhood days.

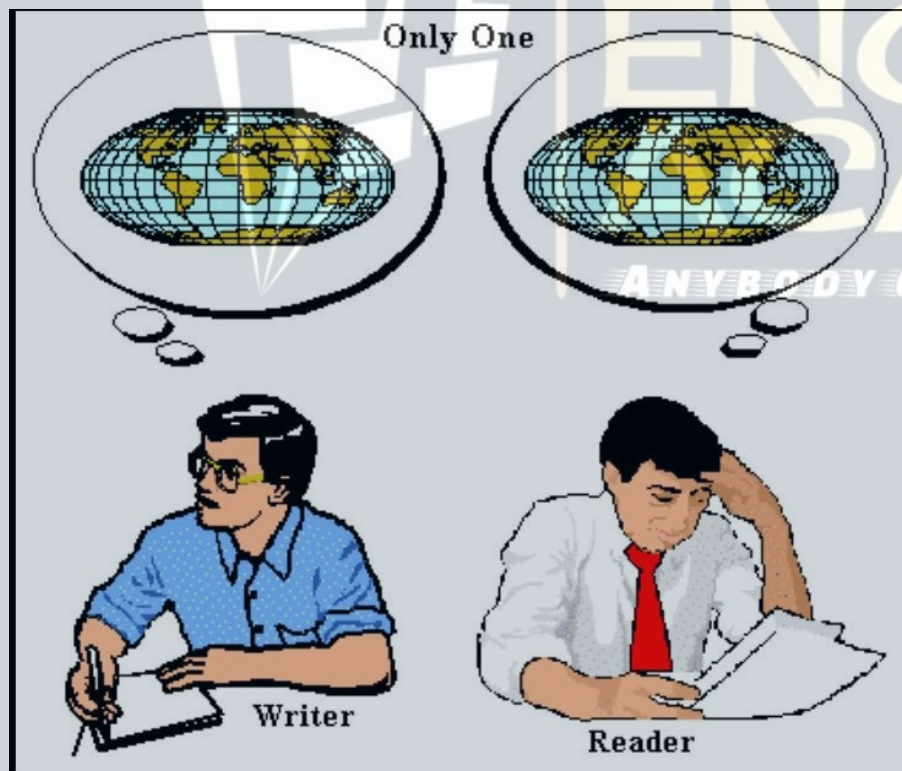
I want to buy **a dog**.



Definite Articles - the

“**The**” will be used when we talk about unique things (only one).

The world is a beautiful place to live.



* something that is unique or only one.

The sun

The moon

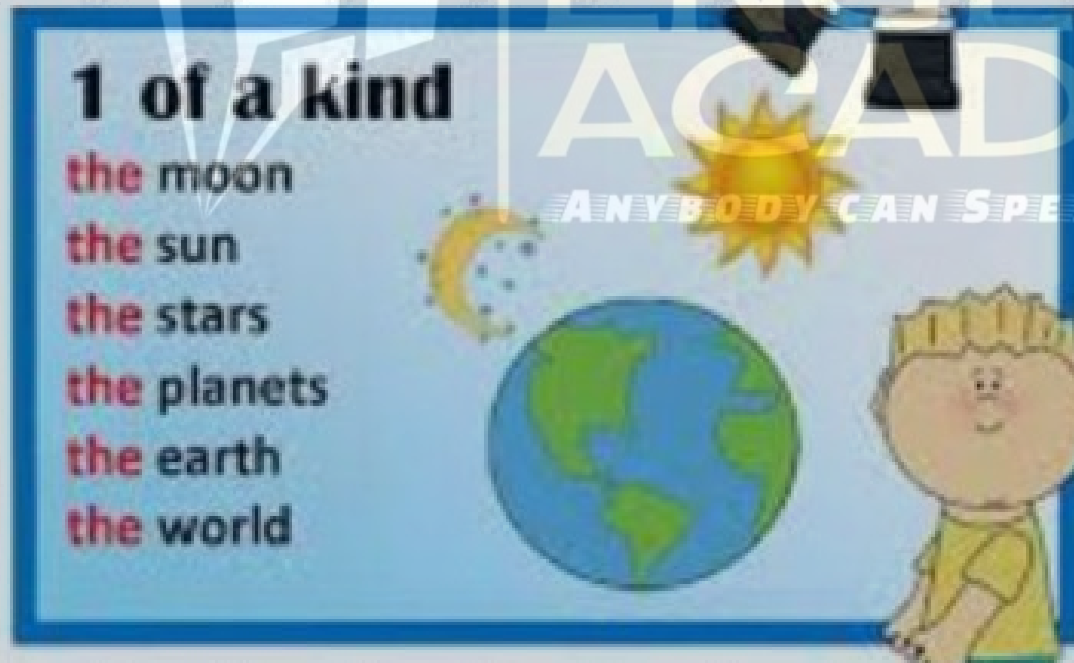
The Red Fort

The Mars

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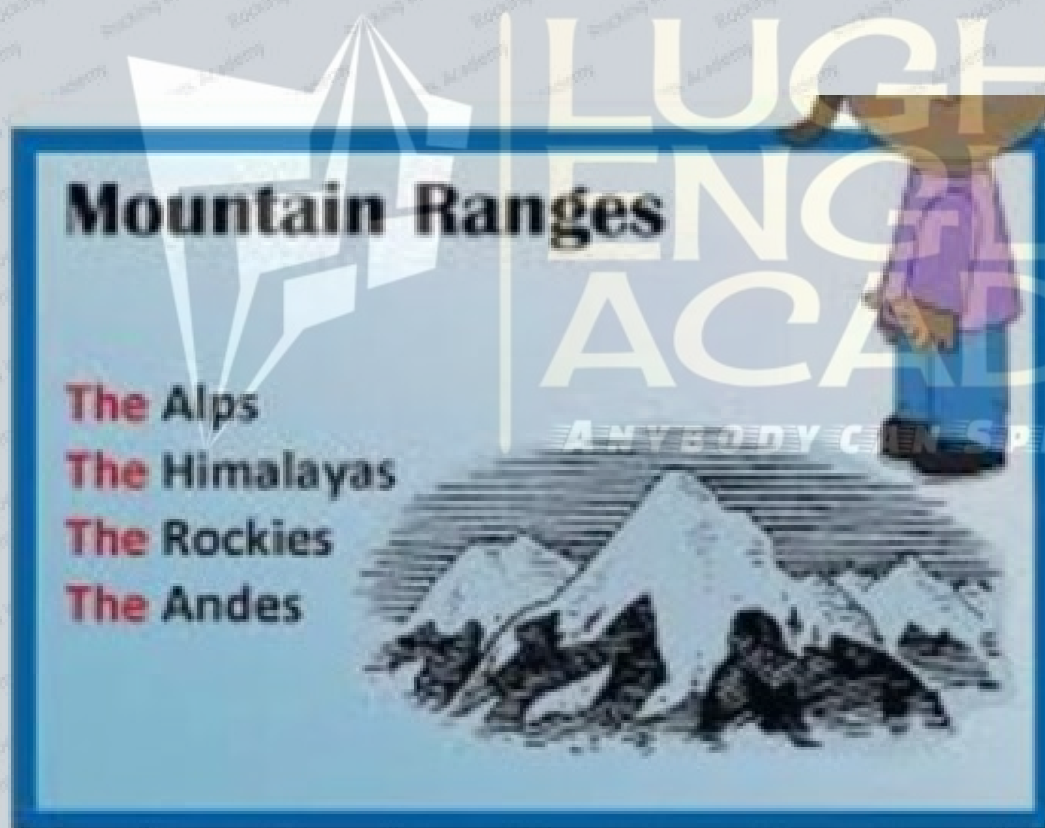
Definite Articles - the

“The” will be used when we talk about the oceans and seas.



Definite Articles - the

“The” will be used when we talk about the mountain ranges.



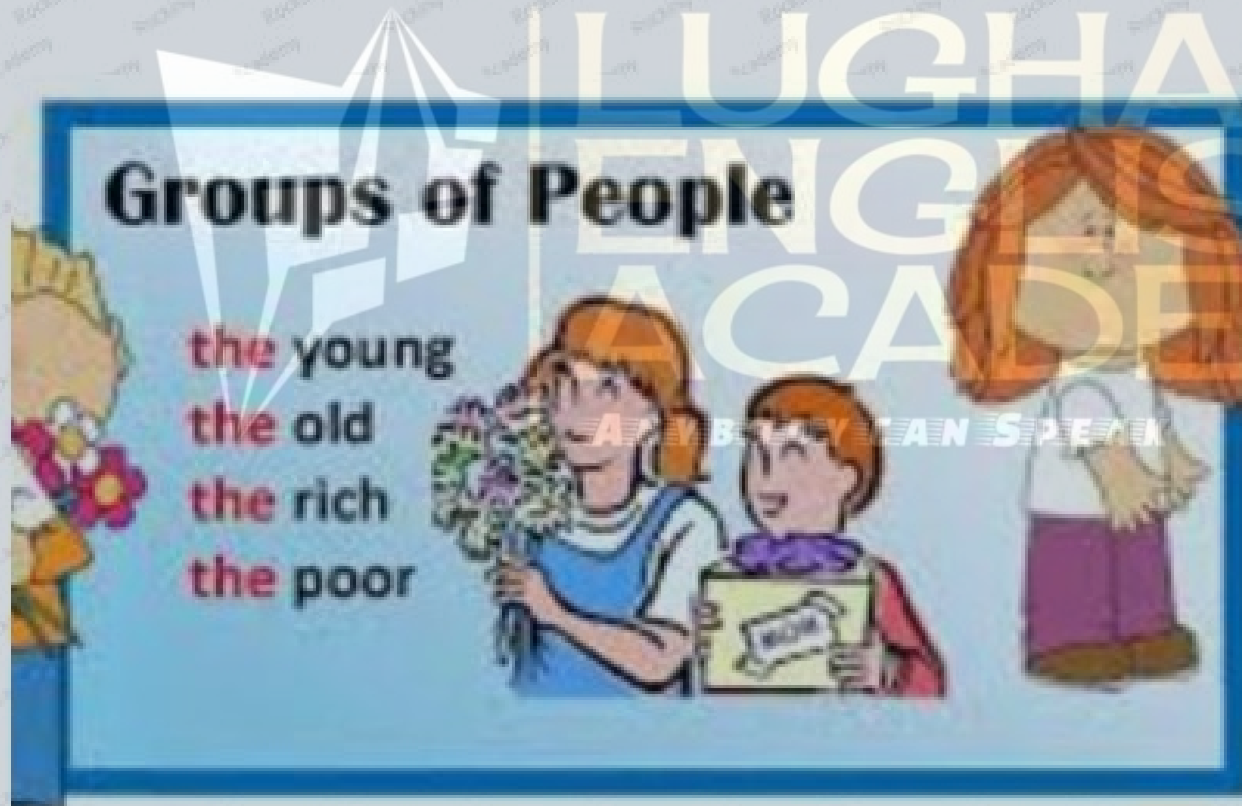
Definite Articles - the

“The” will be used when we talk about some countries.



Definite Articles - the

“The” will be used when we talk about group of peoples.



Definite Articles - the

“The” will be used when we talk about nationalities or families.



Definite Articles - the

“The” will be used when we talk about musical instruments.



Use of the

* before superlative degrees.

Example:

the happiest, the luckiest

* before words like first, last, next.

Example:

the first, the next

Use of the

- * before name of newspaper.

Example: the Times of India

- * before unique things.

Example: the sun, the planet

- * before holy books

Example: the Gita, the Bible

Use of the

- * before famous building

Example: the India Gate, the Red Fort

- * before direction

Example: the North, the South

- * before names of seas,

oceans, rivers, mountain ranges

Example: the Yamuna, the Himalayas

Table of Articles

Number	Indefinite	Definite (noun is specific)
singular	a / an	the
plural	-	the
non-count	-	the

Write the correct article (a/an/the) before each noun

1. _____ flower

9. _____ book

2. _____ apple

10. _____ eggs

3. _____ pig

11. _____ road

4. _____ baseballs

12. _____ ink bottles

5. _____ logs

13. _____ trees

6. _____ oven

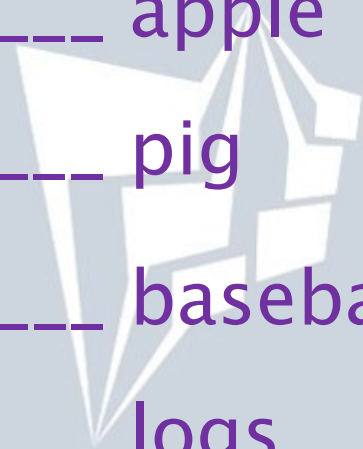
14. _____ Bay of Bengal

7. _____ idea

15. _____ laptops

8. _____ pants

16. _____ west



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Fill in the blanks with **a, an**

1. He is _____ famous football player.

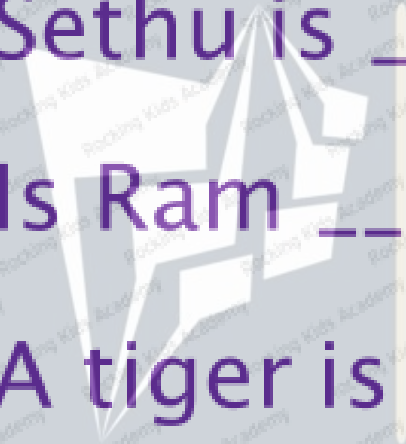
2. Sethu is _____ hardworking student.

3. Is Ram _____ smart man?

4. A tiger is _____ animal.

5. Is that _____ old book?

6. Is tea _____ beneficial drink?



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Fill in the blanks with **a, an**

7. This watch is _____ American brand.

8. This is _____ eraser.

9. Times of India is _____ popular new company.

10. Praveen is _____ fisherman.

11. It is _____ honour to meet you.

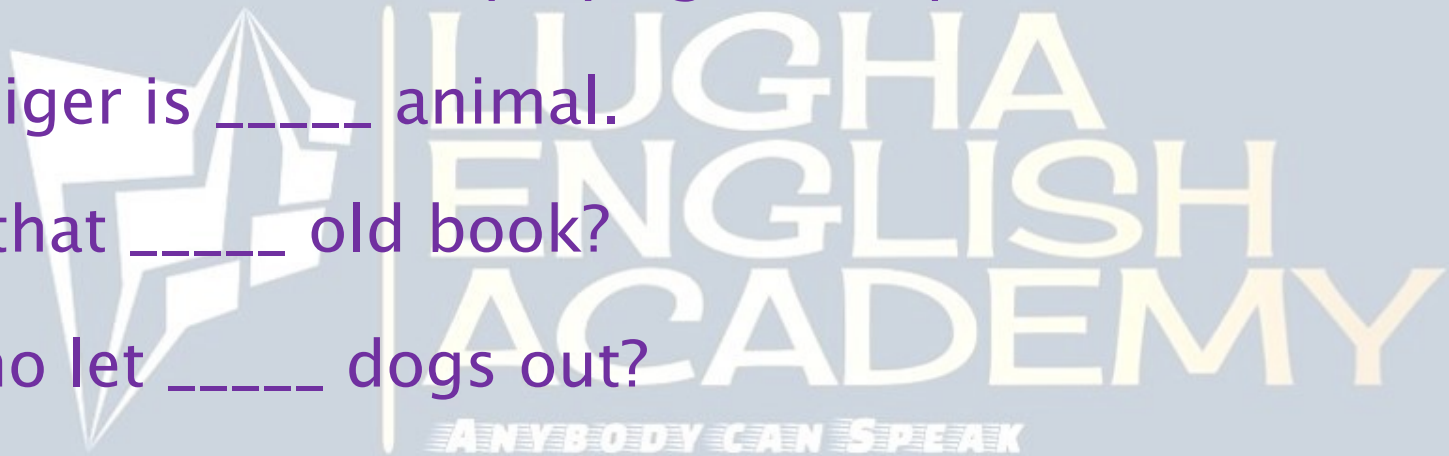
12. He is _____ child.

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Fill in the blanks with **a**, **an** or **the**

1. He is _____ famous football player.
2. _____ Earth revolves around the sun.
3. _____ children are playing in the park.
4. A tiger is _____ animal.
5. Is that _____ old book?
6. Who let _____ dogs out?
7. Red pandas live in _____ Himalayas.
8. The stars are shining in _____ sky.
9. Sethu is _____ hardworking student.
10. Is Ram _____ smart man?



Complete the text with a/an/the



I am in ____ park right now,
____ park is in the north of my city.
I can see ____ woman, ____ woman
has ____ ice cream. ____ ice cream
has 3 balls. ____ balls are blue,
yellow and green. I can also see
____ boy in ____ skate, ____ skate is
color yellow.

In the park, there is ____ girl listening to music, ____ girl wears
____ hat on her head, ____ hat is purple. I can also see a
Japanese woman. ____ woman is wearing a Kimono. Finally,
there is a boy, ____ boy is in a bike; he rides ____ bike fast.

Fill in the blanks with **a**, **an** or **the**

1. The Sahara desert is _____ hottest desert in the world.
2. “ _____ Chinese ” are people who live in China.
3. Susan is _____ best student in my class.
4. This watch is _____ American brand.
5. Arun is _____ youngest of all.
6. This is _____ eraser.
7. Is tea _____ beneficial drink?
8. Have you seen _____ lions that are living at the zoo?
9. Praveen is _____ fisherman.
10. It is _____ honour to meet you.

Fill in the blanks with **a**, **an** or **the**

1. Priya is _____ shortest girl in the class.
2. I swam across _____ pacific ocean.
3. Times of India is _____ popular company.
4. Lisa played _____ Guitar.
5. _____ horses have hooves.
6. My sister lives in _____ United states.
7. I have sent you _____ pictures.
8. He is _____ child.
9. _____ Hindu is an English language daily newspaper.
10. Ragu planted _____ trees.



Fill in the blanks with **a**, **an** or **the**

1. India is _____ large country.
2. She is _____ hour late.
3. I have _____ one rupee note.
4. He is _____ European.
5. Once there was _____ king.
6. We arrived on _____ fourth of July.
7. I go to Jaipur once _____ year.
8. Srilanka is _____ island.
9. Honesty is _____ best policy.
10. Brutus is _____ honest man.

