



Articles – are the words that used before a noun.

a, an, the

A



An



The



Indefinite and Definite Articles

Articles



We use
'a' or 'an'

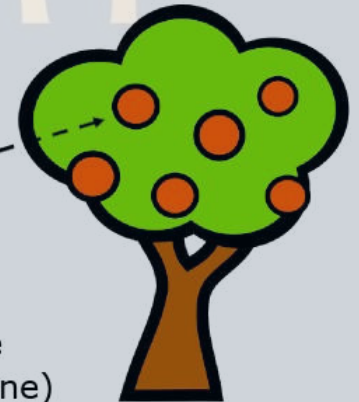
a/an

an apple
(doesn't matter which)



the

the apple
(a specific one)



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

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

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 Article - 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.

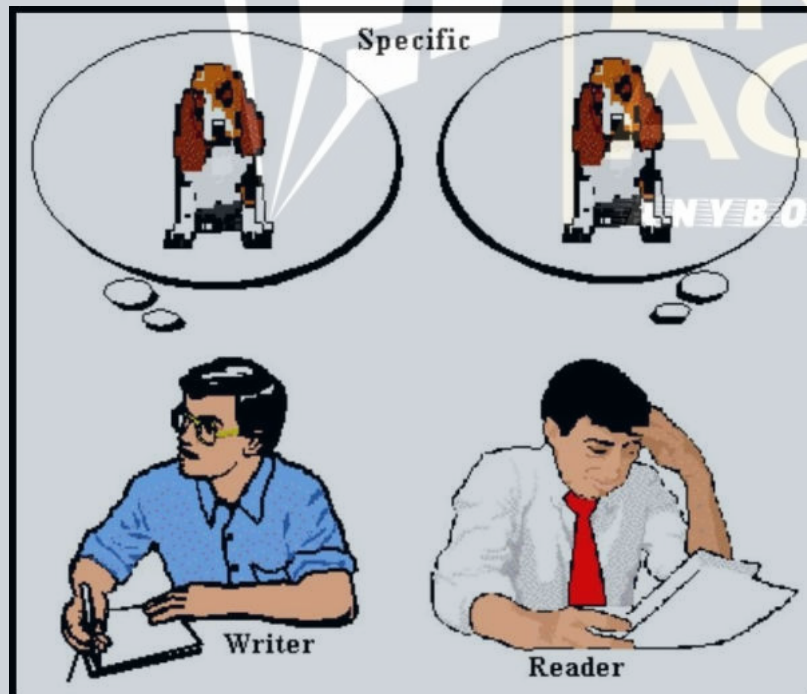
Definite Articles - the

– 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?

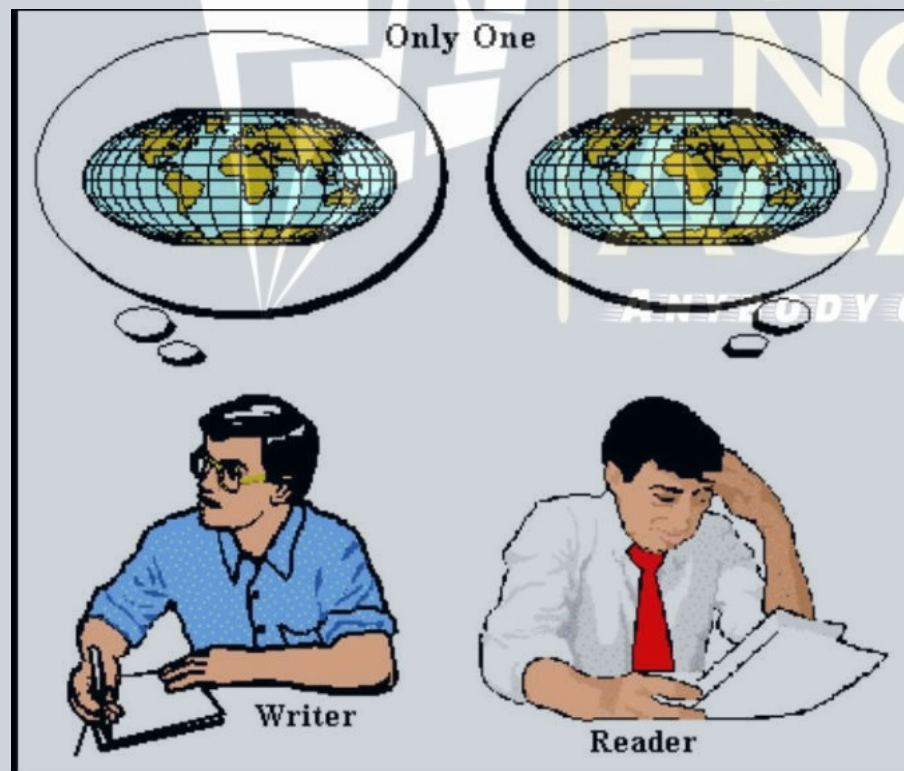
I want to buy **a** dog.



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

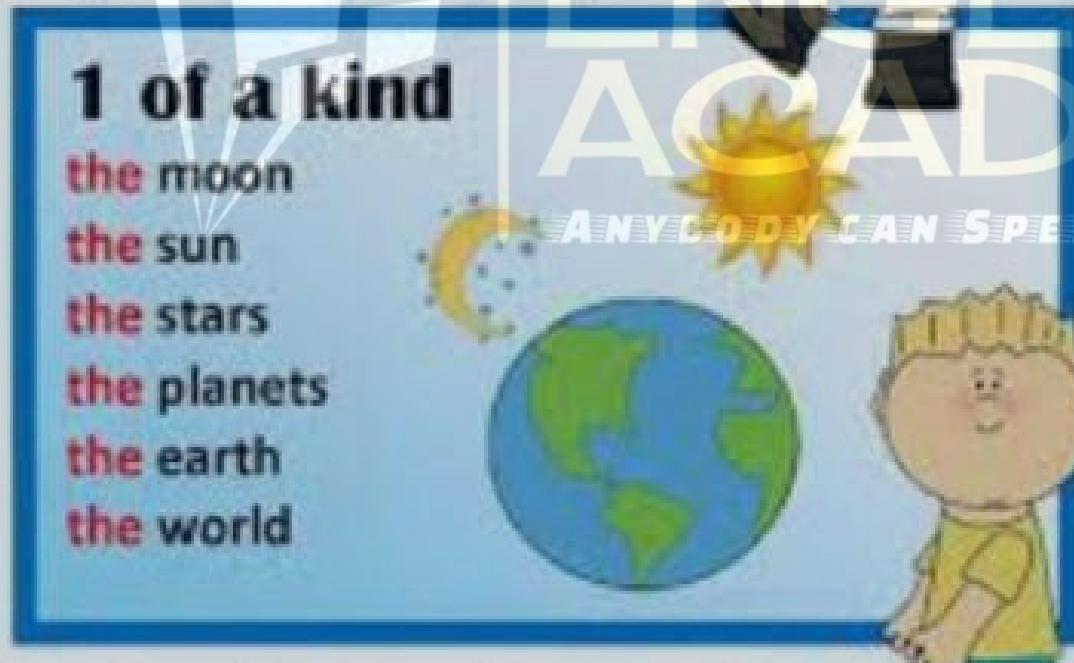
The Red Fort

The Mars

Definite Articles - the

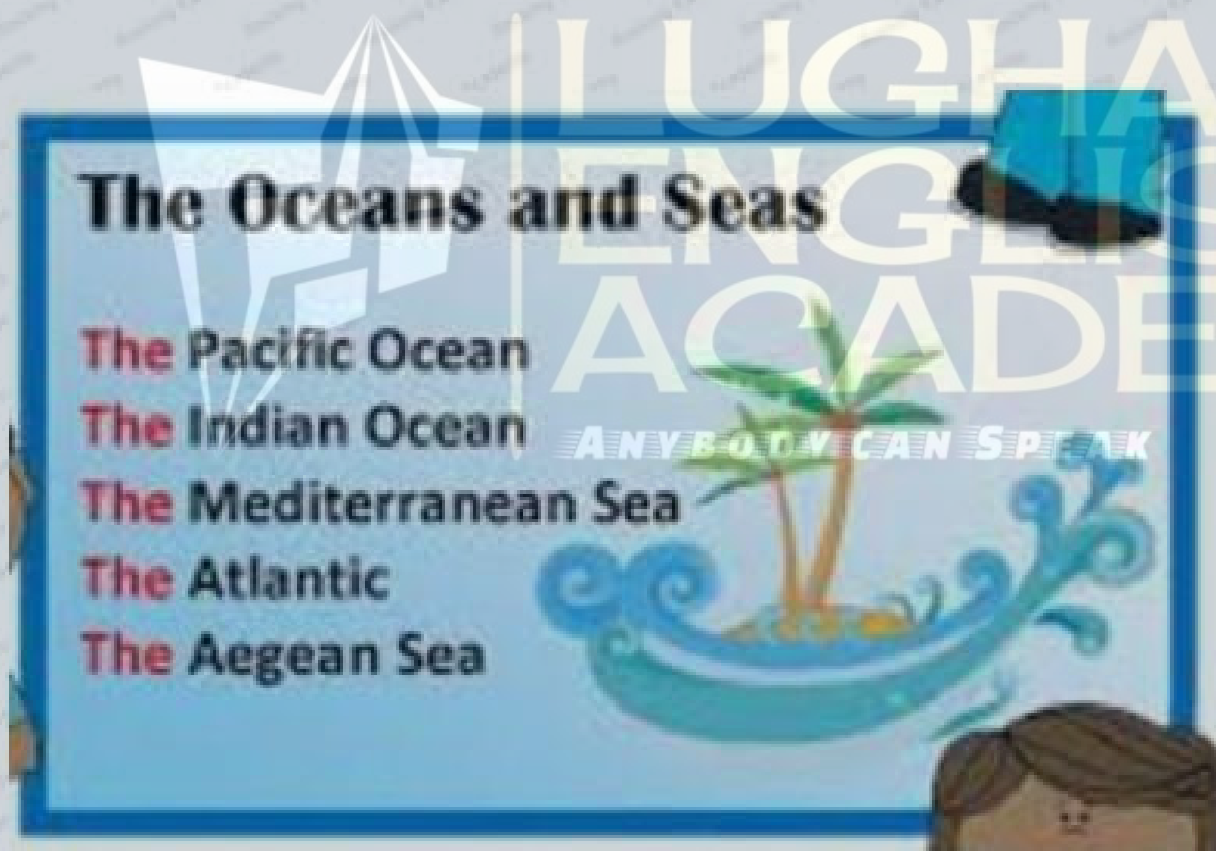
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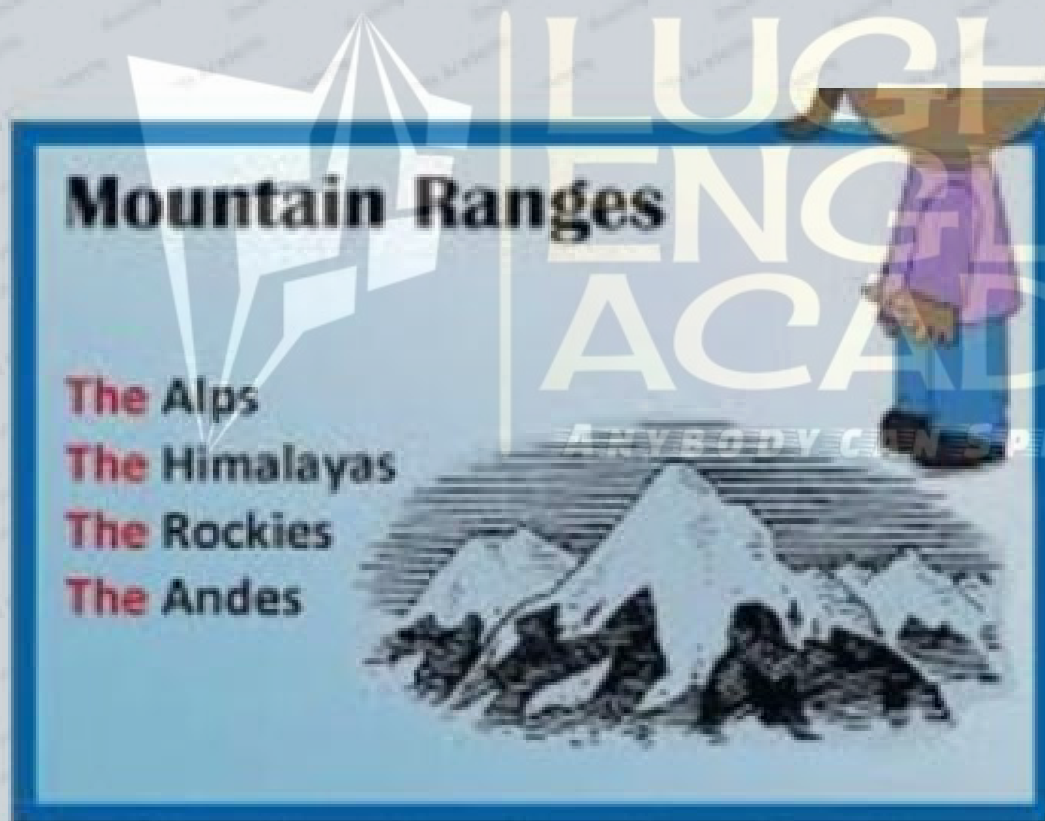
Definite Articles - the

“**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.



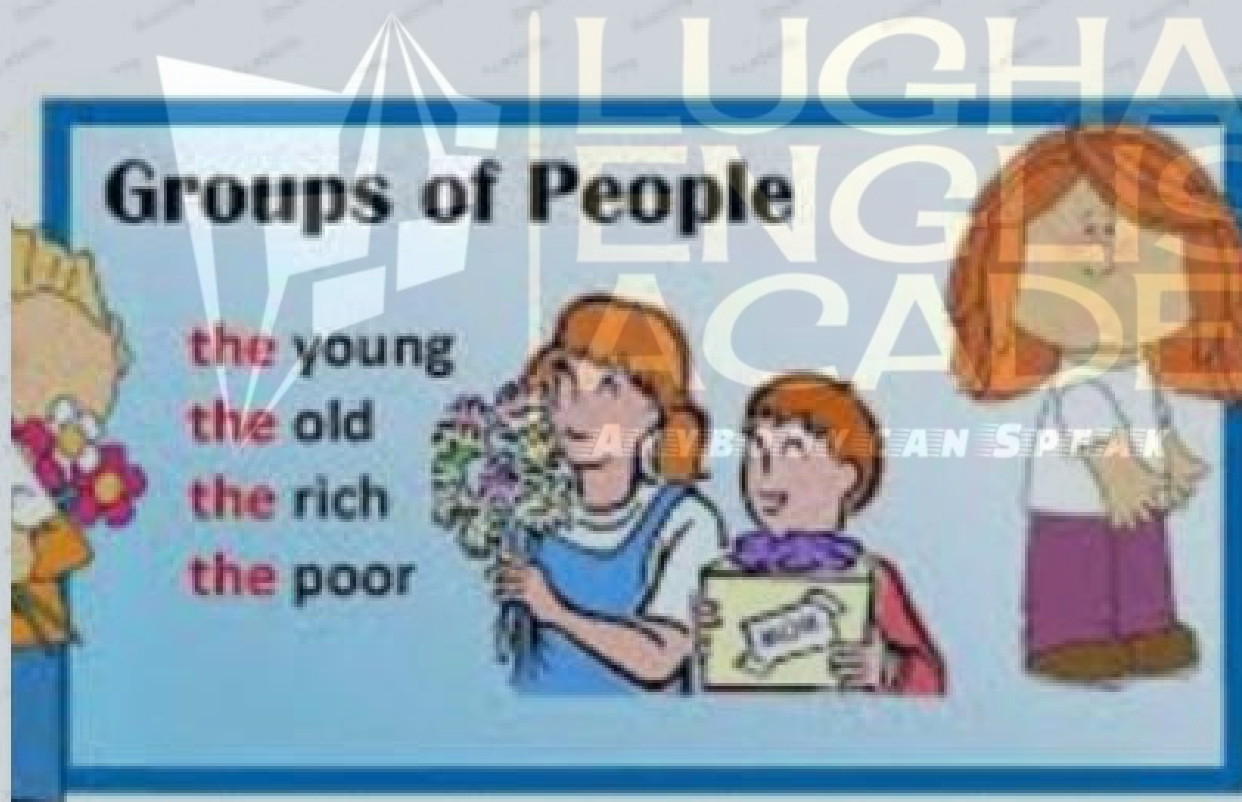
Definite Articles - the

“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

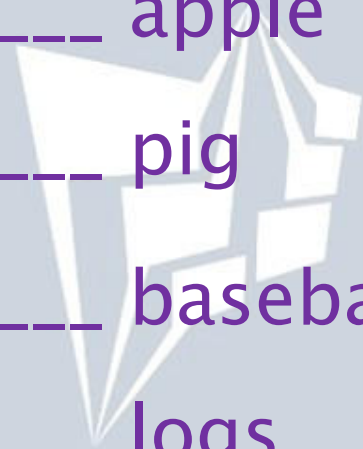
14. _____ Bay of Bengal

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?

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.

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?



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.



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.

Additional worksheets



Fill in the with a or an.

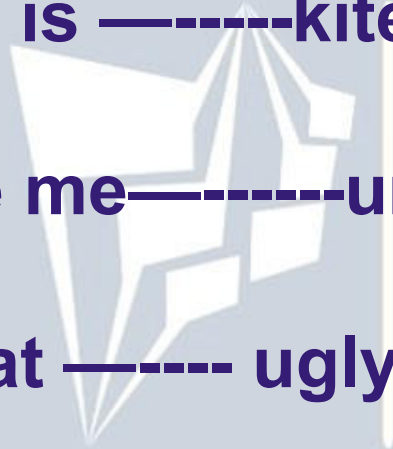
1.This is----- ball.

2.That is -----kite.

3.Give me-----umbrella.

4.What ----- ugly picture!

5.Blacky is-----cat.



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Fill in the blanks with a/an

1. Diya is ____honest girl.
2. Raj went to ____ university.
3. Edward is ____ heir of two different kingdoms.
4. My aunt wants to throw ____ unique party.
5. ____ old man wanted to see you in the morning.
6. We met ____European girl in Delhi.
7. Visitors can meet the patient only twice ____ day.
8. I met ____boy who was very polite.
9. He is ____ captain in the army.
10. He met with ____ accident yesterday.

Fill in the blanks with a/an/the

1. We need ____ umbrella for the rain.
2. ____ Pacific ocean is ____ largest ocean in the world.
3. Rita is ____ beautiful girl.
4. ____ Moon moves around ____ Earth.
5. Vijay is ____ strongest boy in the class.
6. I had ____ apple for breakfast.
7. Can you tell me ____ story?
8. We will go to ____ Phoenix mall tomorrow.
9. I saw ____ elephant at the zoo.
10. My uncle lives in ____ United States Of America.