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Lesson 19

Articles

Circle the article that correctly completes the sentence.

1. I saw (a, an) whale at the aquarium.
2. A trainer was feeding fish to (the, an) dolphin.
3. We took (a, an) elevator to the main floor.
4. We read (a, an) article about (an, the) exhibits.
5. There was (a, an) exhibit about the ocean floor.

- The article **a** is used before words that begin with a consonant.
- An** is used before words that begin with a vowel.
- The** is used before either.

Write a noun on each line to complete the sentences.

6. We read a _____ about a _____.
7. The _____ in a funny story had an _____ for a pet.
8. We went to the _____ to get an _____.
9. Angela saw a _____ on the _____.
10. A _____ was curled up on the _____.

Complete the sentence with three singular nouns. Use the article *a* or *an*.

Megan drew pictures of _____

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STUDENT OBJECTIVES

- Identify articles *a*, *an*, *the*.
- Choose the correct article to use with different nouns.

Writing Tip

When you write, be sure to use *a* and *an* correctly. Use *a* before a word that begins with a consonant sound. Use *an* before a word that begins with a vowel sound.

Teach/Model

Explain that the articles *a*, *an*, and *the* are adjectives: They tell about a noun.

- Define **articles**. *The words a, an, and the are called articles. An article goes before a noun and tells whether the noun names a specific person, place, or thing (the party) or whether it names a nonspecific person, place or thing (a book).*
- Write the examples below on the board. Use the modeling to help students understand how the three articles are used.

Example	Model/Think Aloud
<p>Article a Bianca sang a song. Bianca has a beautiful voice.</p>	<p><i>Use the article a before a word beginning with a consonant. Use a only if the noun that follows it is singular. Song is a singular noun. It begins with a consonant sound, so a is used. Beautiful begins with a consonant, so the article a is used.</i></p>
<p>Article an I saw an animal today. It was an unusual creature.</p>	<p><i>Use the article an before a word that begins with a vowel. Use an only if the noun that follows is singular. Animal is singular, and it begins with a vowel, so it takes the article an. Unusual begins with a vowel sound, so the article must be an.</i></p>
<p>Article the The excited students ran onto the muddy field after the game.</p>	<p><i>The article the can be used with singular or plural nouns. It can be used before words that begin with either a vowel sound or a consonant sound. The article the is used three times in this sentence.</i></p>

Guided Practice/Apply

Write the following sentences on the board. Have students choose the correct articles and tell the reason for each choice.

1. We went to (a, an) movie last night. (a; movie is singular and begins with consonant sound)
2. What are (the, a) plans for next week? (the; plans is a plural noun, and plurals need the)
3. I lost (a, an) favorite sweater on the bus. (a; sweater is singular, and favorite begins with a consonant)
4. My parents left me (a, an) important message. (an; because important begins with a vowel and comes before the singular noun message)
5. Oleg works at (a, an) aquarium after school. (an; because aquarium is a singular noun and begins with a vowel)

Assign **Practice, page 191**. Have students check their recent writing to make sure they have used articles correctly.

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