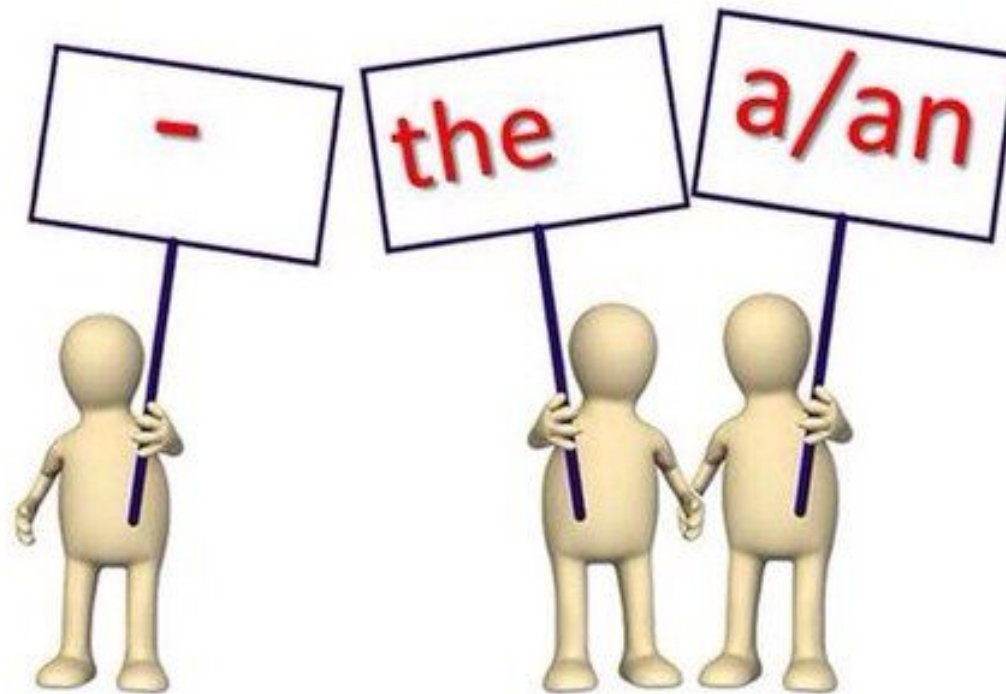


# ZERO ARTICLE IN ENGLISH GRAMMAR

# The Article



# GENERAL/NON-COUNTABLE NOUNS

- ◉ We don't use an article if we're talking about things in general (i.e. we're not talking about a specific example) or with non-countable nouns:

Do you like cheese?

He adores dancing.

- ◉ And materials/substances:

I like milk.

Calcium is a mineral that is an essential part of bones and teeth.

- ◉ **But** we use the definite article when we want to talk about a specific piece/part of some product/substances:

The milk is warm.

The calcium contained in the milk is useful for the bones.

Pass me the cheese please!

# BEFORE UNCOUNTABLE ABSTRACT NOUNS

- ◉ We don't use an article before uncountable abstract nouns:

silence

music

heat

light

knowledge

information

love

I like music. BUT:

I like the music of this rock group.

# PROPER NOUNS

- ⦿ Proper nouns - or names - don't usually take an article:

I met Jennifer Lopez this morning.



- ◉ We don't use an article before nouns which mean processes and procedures:

At lunch;

At dinner;

Tea was over;

- ◉ And before plural nouns and some groups of people who have something in common:

Friends are the family you choose yourself.

- ◉ Christians;
- ◉ Europeans;
- ◉ Democrats;

- ⦿ We don't use an article before the names of Sciences:

I like literature and history but I don't like mathematics.

- ⦿ We don't use an article before nouns which have determinants (pronouns, numerals):

My room is large.

I need some books.

# NOUN + PREPOSITION

- ◉ When we use a noun with a preposition we often do not use an article (that is, we just use the noun on its own):

I went to school but left my books at home.

Grandmother managed to escape from prison to join us.





# ALSO...

- We also don't use an article with:
- years 1961, 1995, 2000
- seasons & months Winter, February
- festivals Easter
- continents Africa, Asia, America, Europe
- days Monday, Tuesday
- parts of day/night midnight, midday, noon, night
- magazines Cosmopolitan, Vogue, GQ
- countries America, Britain, Arabia
- cities & towns London, New York, Tokyo, Sydney
- streets Acacia Avenue, Pall Mall, Sunset Boulevard
- named buildings Buckingham Palace
- airports Heathrow, Gatwick, Los Angeles International
- mountains Everest, Mont Blanc
- games football, tennis, bar billiards, cards

Exceptions include: the Hague; the Matterhorn; the Mall; the White House, the United States of America

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