

ARTICLES : **A**, **AN**, OR **THE**

FIRST, LET'S COMPARE

A AND AN

WE USE **A** BEFORE
WORDS WHICH BEGIN
WITH
CONSONANT

S (B,C,D,F...)

A DOCTOR A BIG CAR

A GIRL

WE ALSO USE **A** BEFORE

U WHEN IT SOUNDS
LIKE THE WORD 'YOU'

AND BEFORE **EU**

SOUNDS LIKE 'YOU'

STARTS WITH **U** =

UNIVERSITY

A UNIVERSITY

SOUNDS LIKE 'YOU'

STARTS WITH = EU

A EUROPEAN CITY

WE USE **AN** BEFORE

WORDS WHICH BEGIN

WITH **VOWELS**

(A,E,I,O,U)

AN APPLE

AN INTERESTING FILM

WE ALSO USE AN
BEFORE WORDS THAT
BEGIN WITH A SILENT H

SILENT 'H' = HOUR

AN HOUR

HARD 'H' = HOUSE

A HOUSE

NEXT, LET'S COMPARE

A/AN AND THE

MARY: I BOUGHT **A** CD
PLAYER AND A TV
YESTERDAY.

JOE: WAS **THE** CD
PLAYER EXPENSIVE?

WE USUALLY USE

A/AN WITH A NOUN

**TO TALK ABOUT A
PERSON OR THING FOR
THE FIRST TIME**

A CD PLAYER

WE USUALLY USE **THE**
WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
THE PERSON OR THING
AGAIN

THE CD PLAYER =
THE ONE THAT MARY
BOUGHT

**HOWEVER, THERE ARE
SOME SPECIAL USES OF**

A/AN AND THE

WE USE **A/AN** WITH
PRICES, FREQUENCY AND
SPEEDS

PRICES

IT COSTS £2 **A** LITRE

FREQUENCY

I DRINK ABOUT THREE

CUPS OF COFFEE **A DAY**

SPEEDS
YOU'RE DRIVING AT
NINETY MILES **AN**
HOUR
PER

WE USE **A/AN**
BEFORE HUNDRED,
THOUSAND, AND
MILLION, BILLION

A HUNDRED PEOPLE

A THOUSAND DAYS

WE USE **A/AN** FOR
TALKING ABOUT JOBS

I'M **A** BANK MANAGER

WE USE **THE** WHEN
THERE IS ONLY ONE OF
SOMETHING

MAY I TURN ON **THE**
TV?

WHERE'S MARY?

SHE'S IN **THE** KITCHEN.

WE USE **THE** WITH
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

I PLAY **THE** GUITAR.

JANE PLAYS **THE**
VIOLIN.