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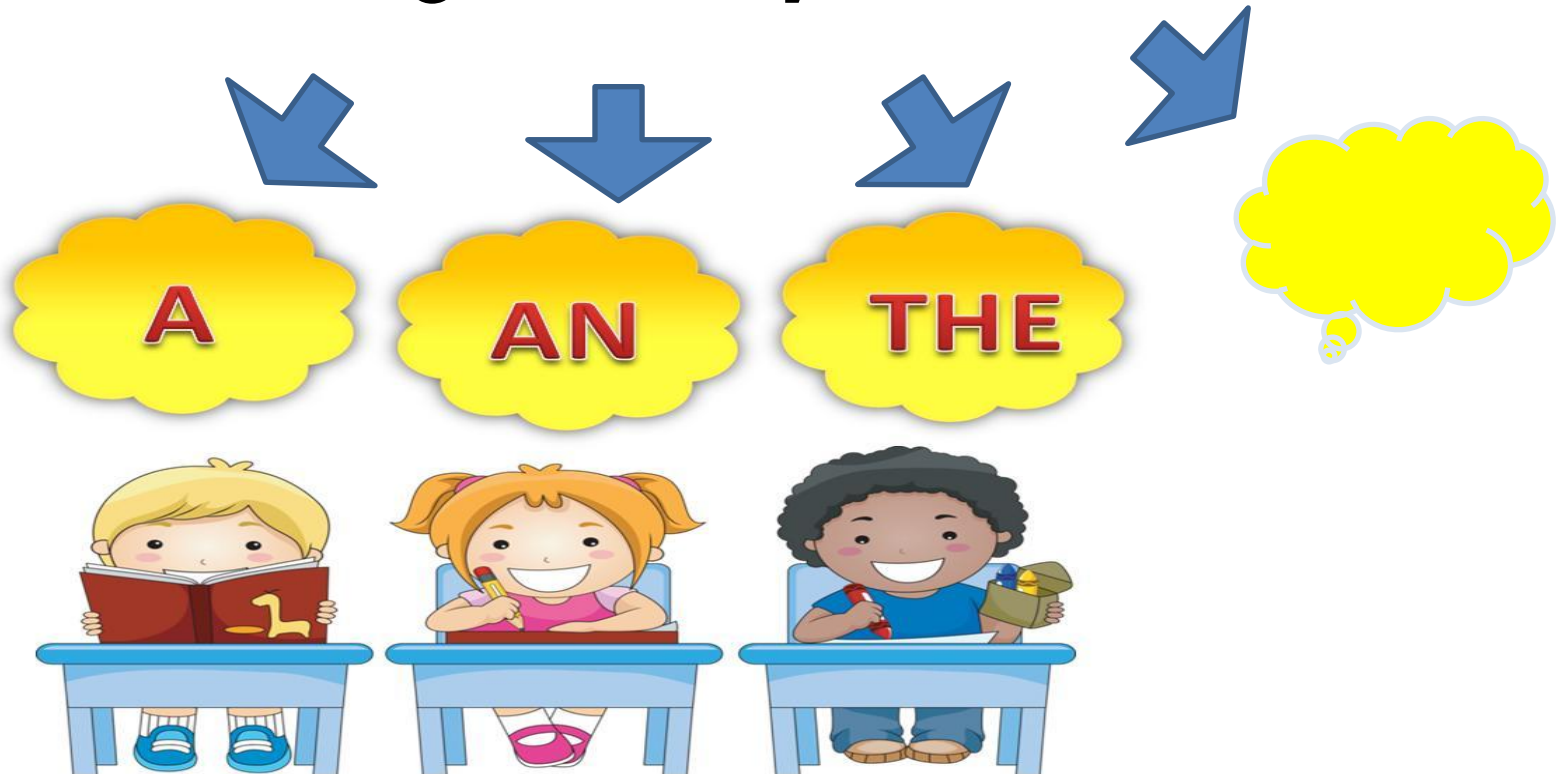
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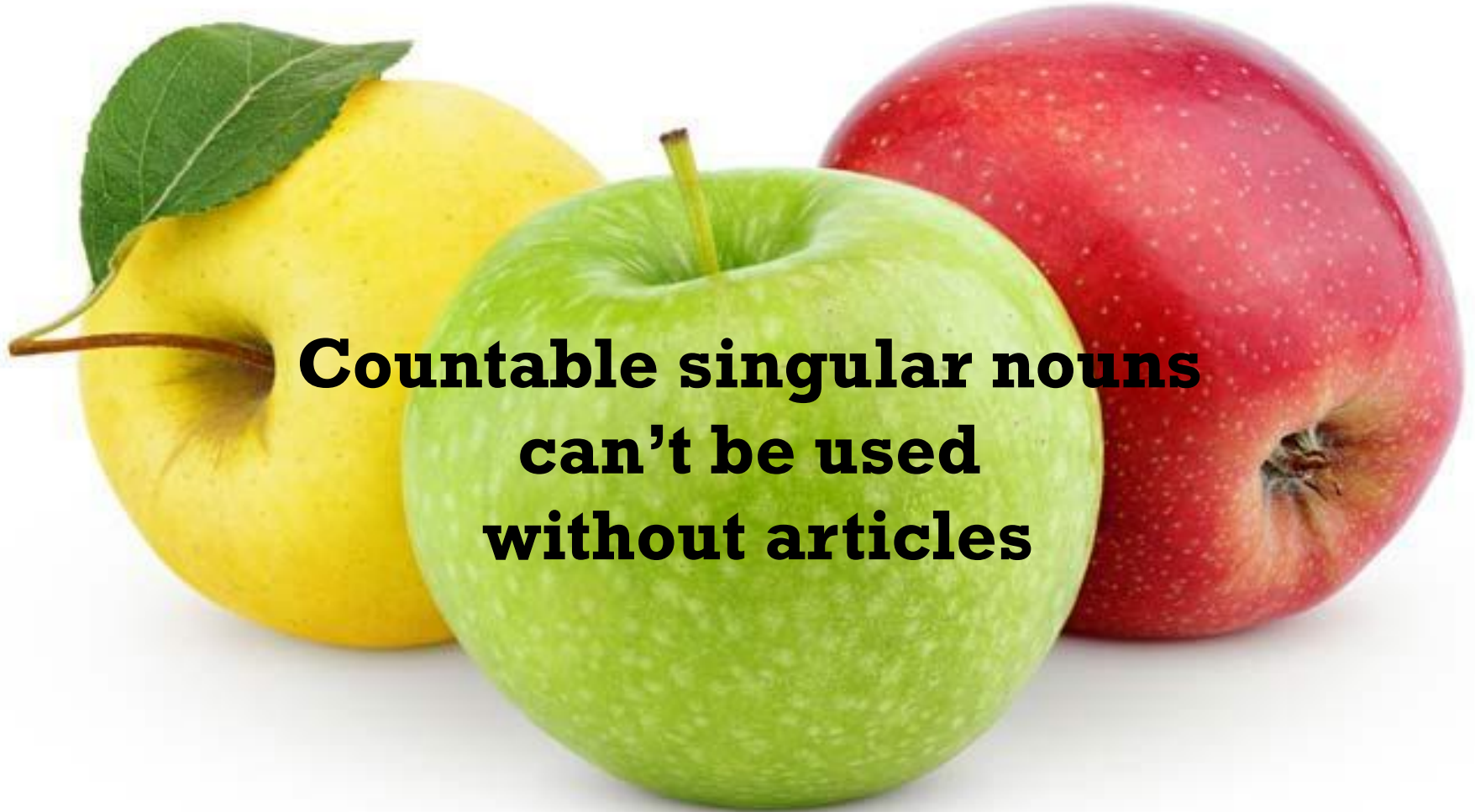


Articles

An article is a word that is used alongside a noun to indicate the type of reference being made by the noun.



Articles + countable nouns



**Countable singular nouns
can't be used
without articles**

Articles + countable nouns

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If we call the subject for the first time (our interlocutor knows nothing about it) we should use **A (AN)**.

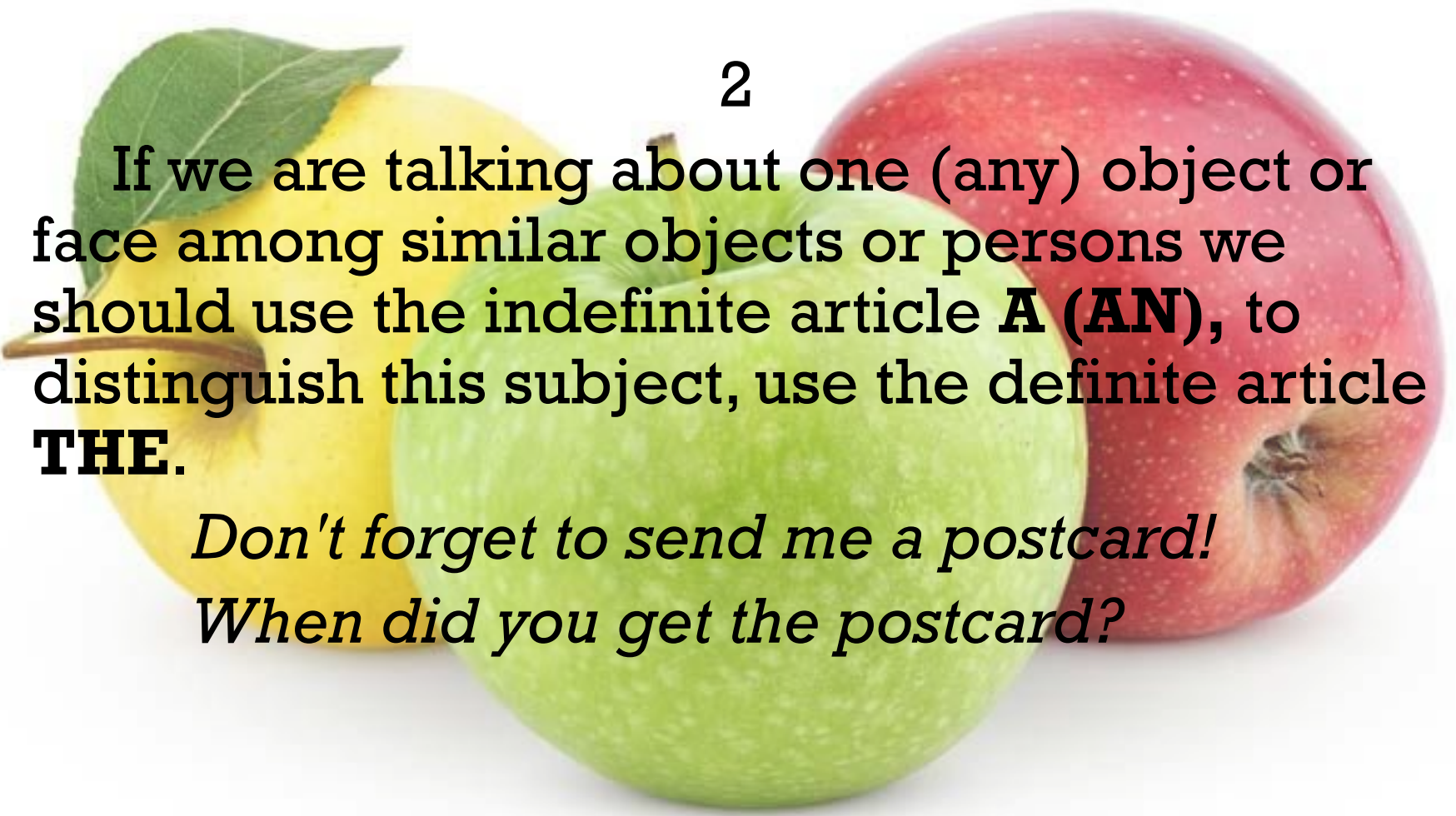
I ate an apple 5 minutes ago.

After that we should use **THE** (our interlocutor knows about it).

The apple was red.

Articles + countable nouns

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If we are talking about one (any) object or face among similar objects or persons we should use the indefinite article **A (AN)**, to distinguish this subject, use the definite article **THE**.

Don't forget to send me a postcard!

When did you get the postcard?

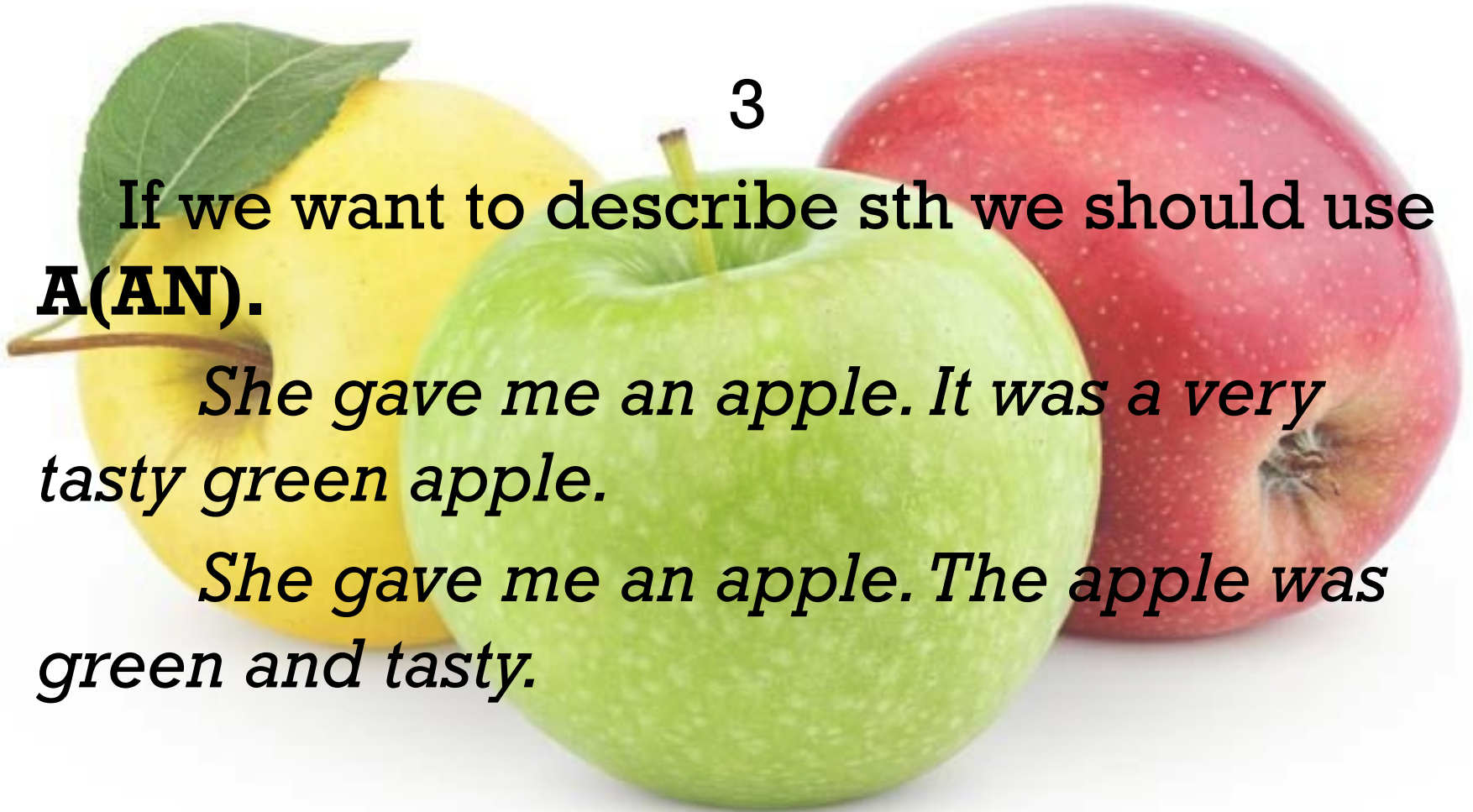
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If we want to describe sth we should use **A(AN)**.

She gave me an apple. It was a very tasty green apple.

She gave me an apple. The apple was green and tasty.



Articles + countable nouns

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If the noun is used to denote a class of objects we should use the definite article **THE**.

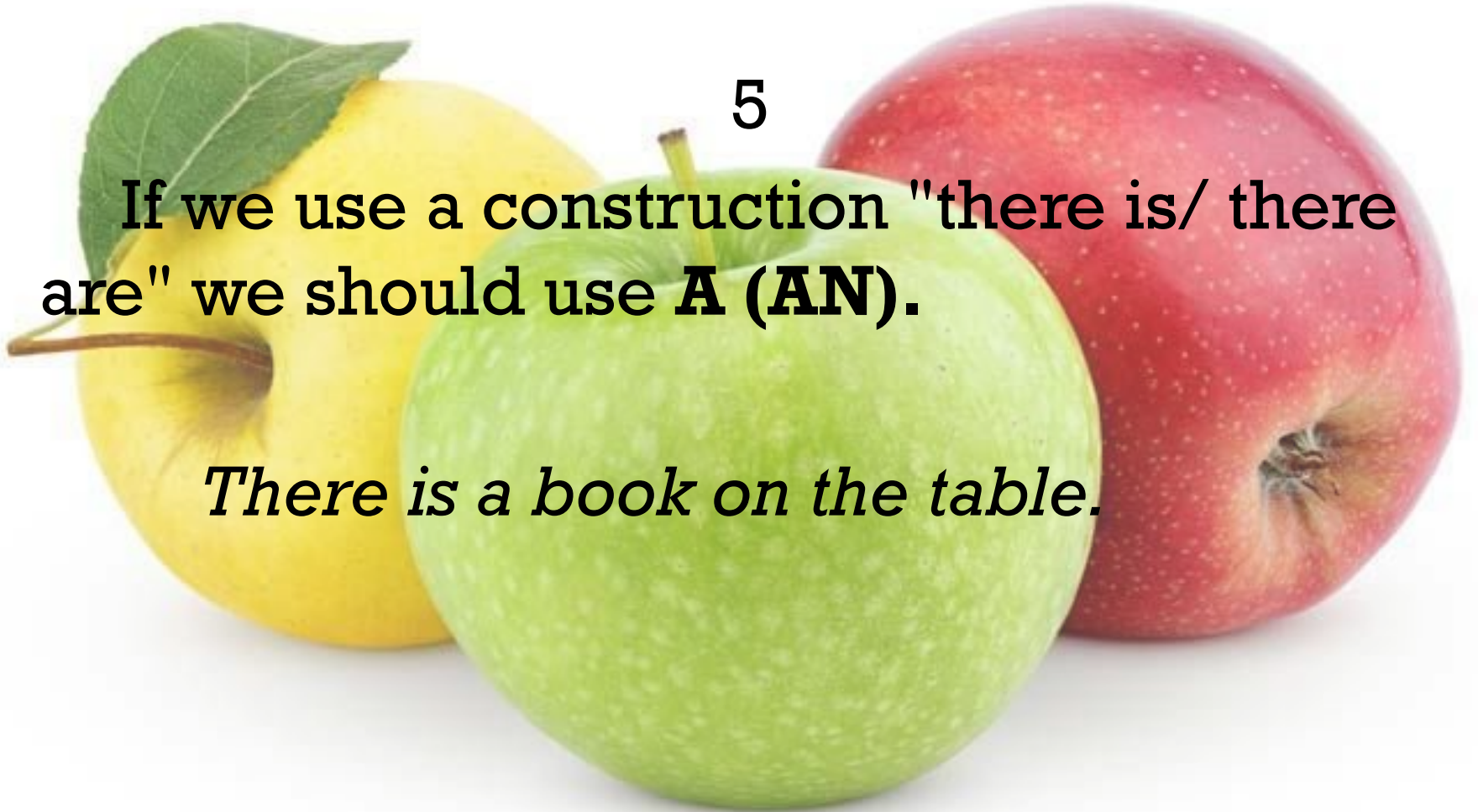
The tiger lives in India. (about kind of animal)

Articles + countable nouns

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If we use a construction "there is/ there are" we should use **A (AN)**.

There is a book on the table.

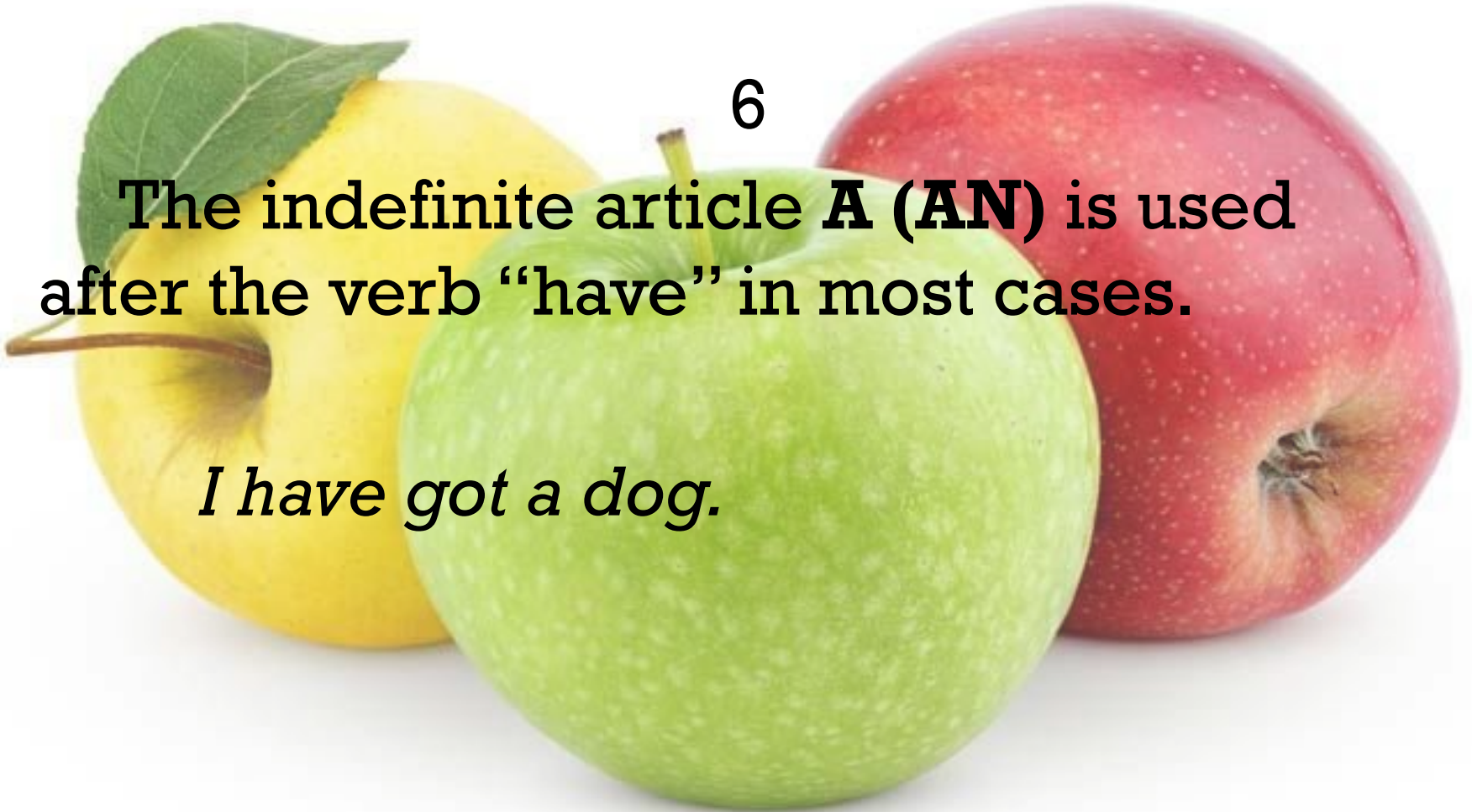


Articles + countable nouns

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The indefinite article **A (AN)** is used after the verb “have” in most cases.

I have got a dog.

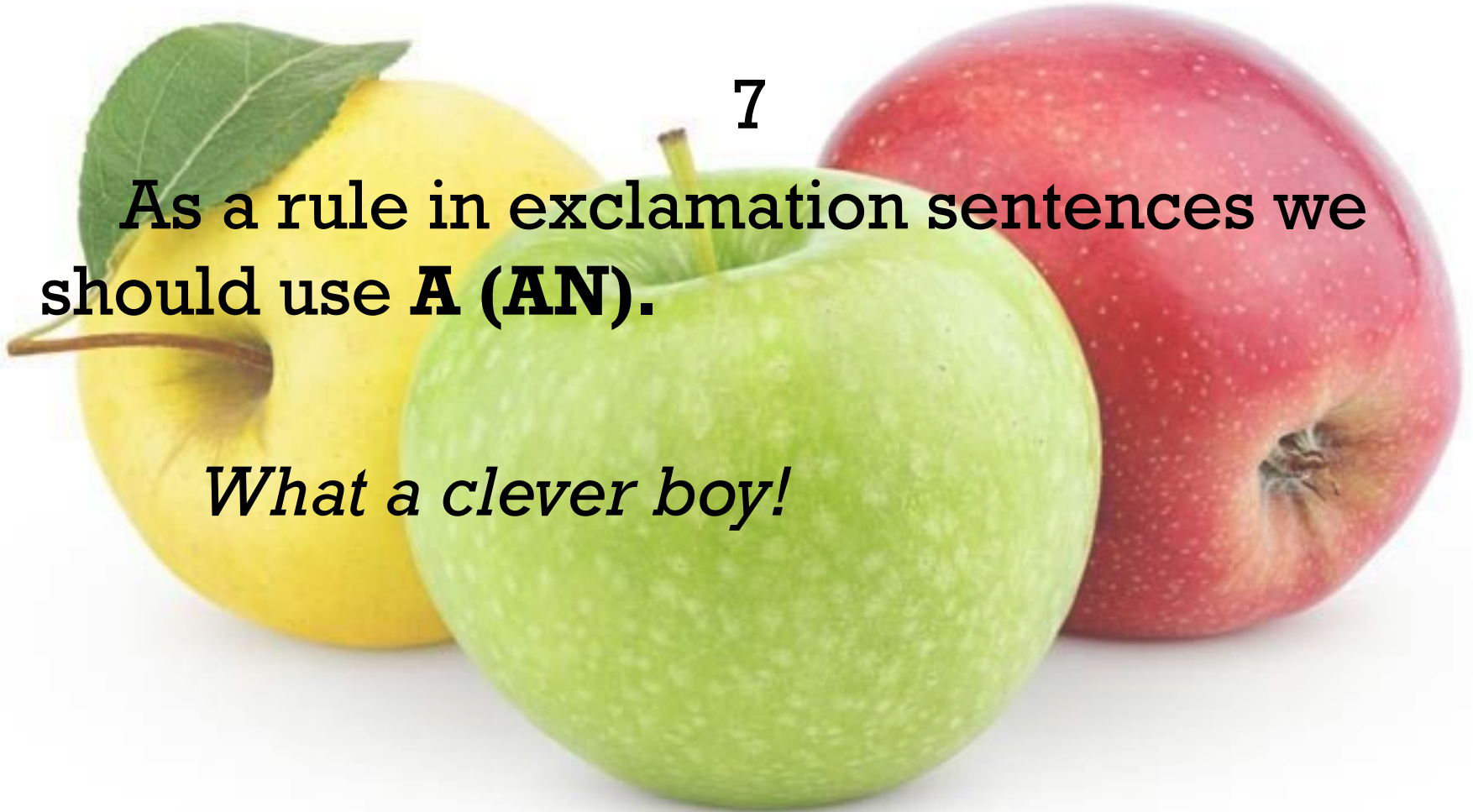


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As a rule in exclamation sentences we should use **A (AN)**.

What a clever boy!

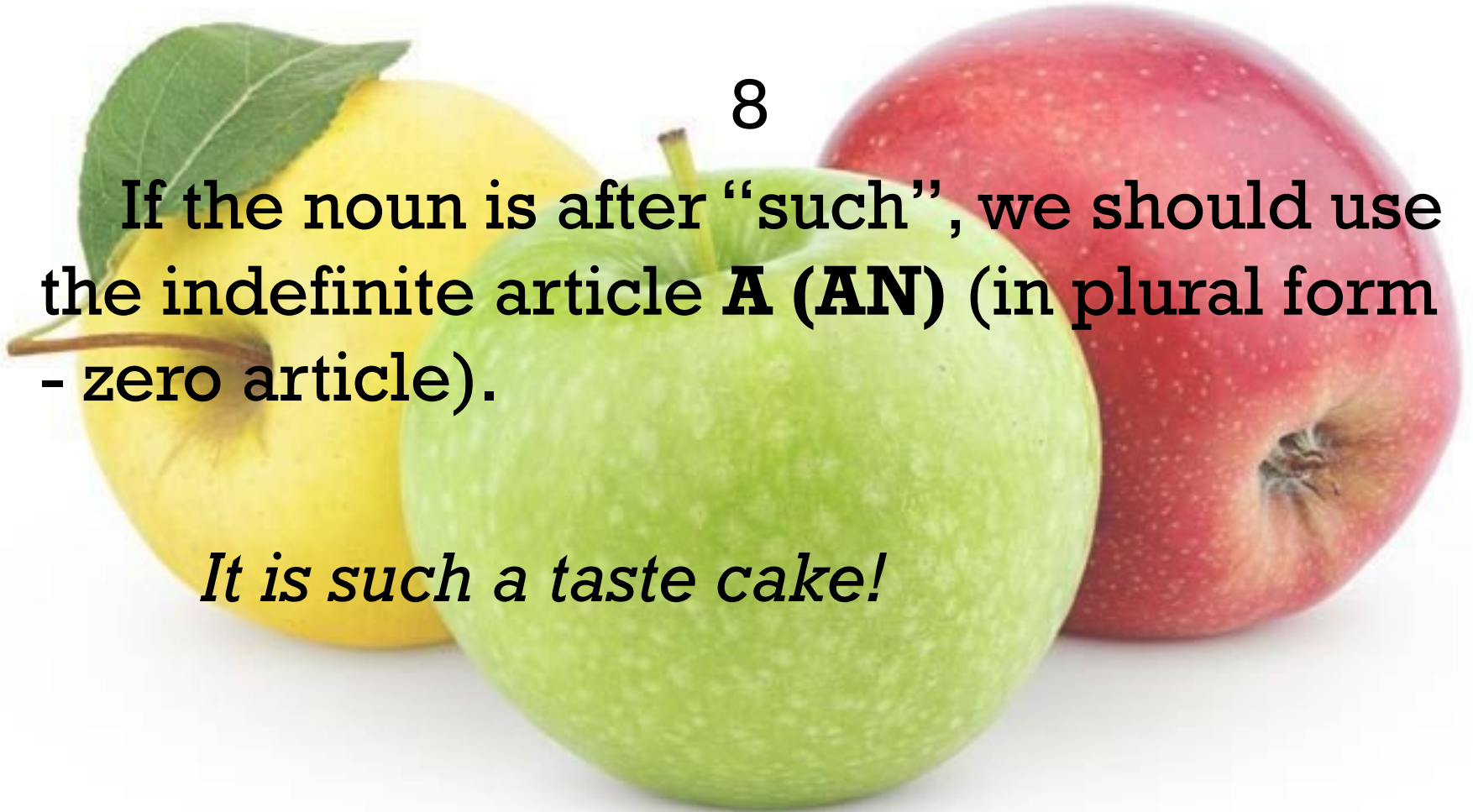


Articles + countable nouns

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If the noun is after “such”, we should use the indefinite article **A (AN)** (in plural form - zero article).

It is such a taste cake!



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If we need to say “one” we can use **A**
(AN).

Wait a minute!

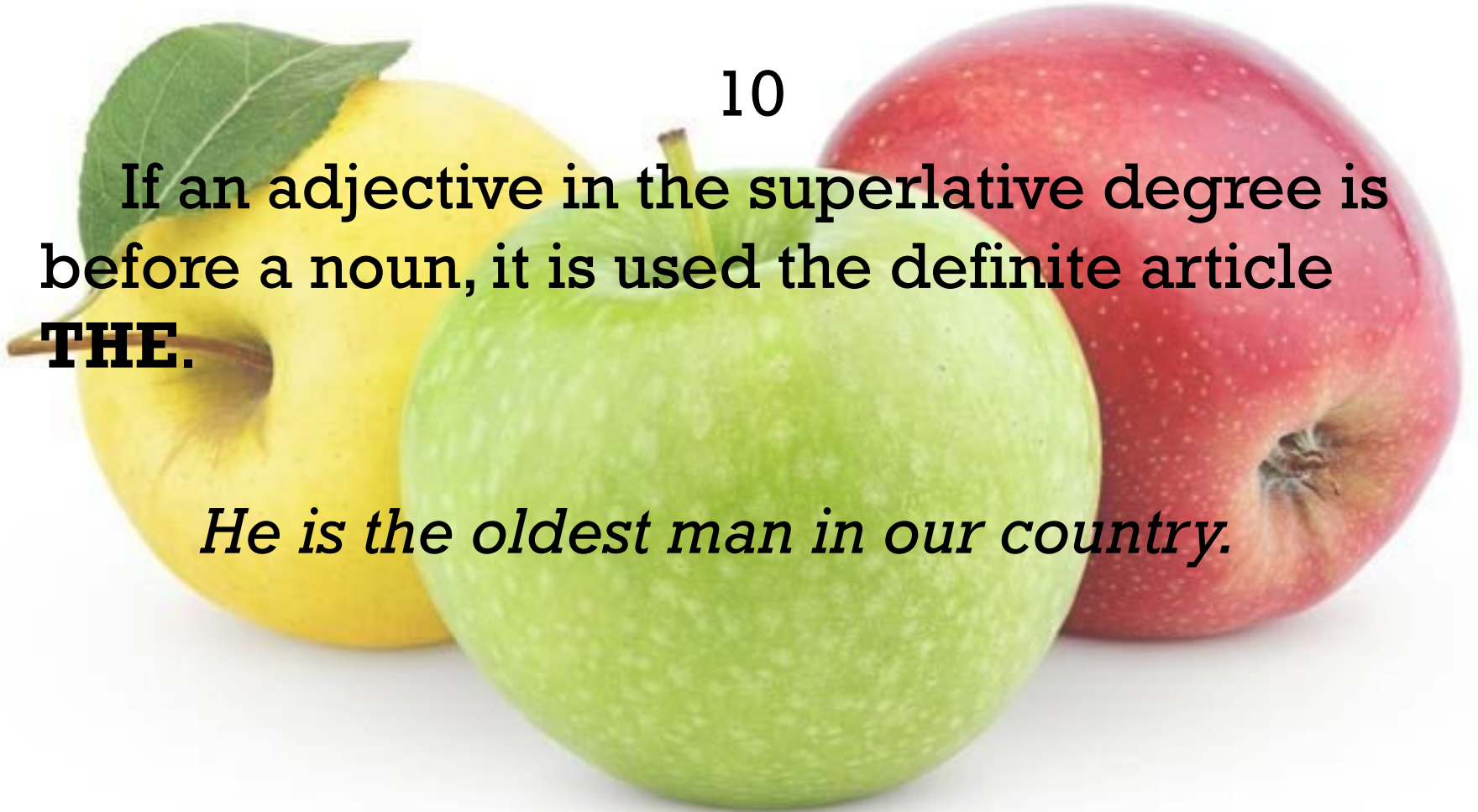


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If an adjective in the superlative degree is before a noun, it is used the definite article **THE**.

He is the oldest man in our country.

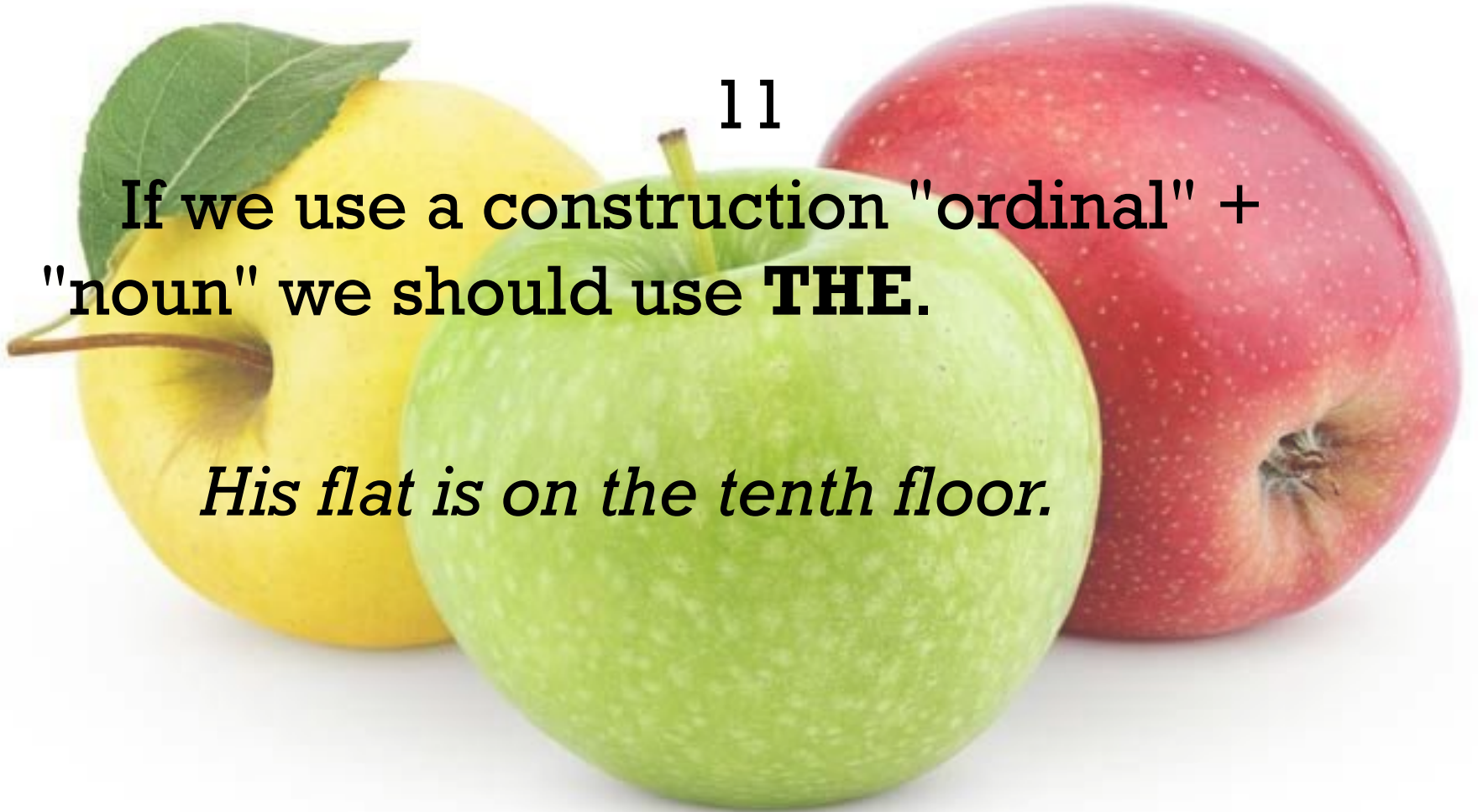


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If we use a construction "ordinal" + "noun" we should use **THE**.

His flat is on the tenth floor.

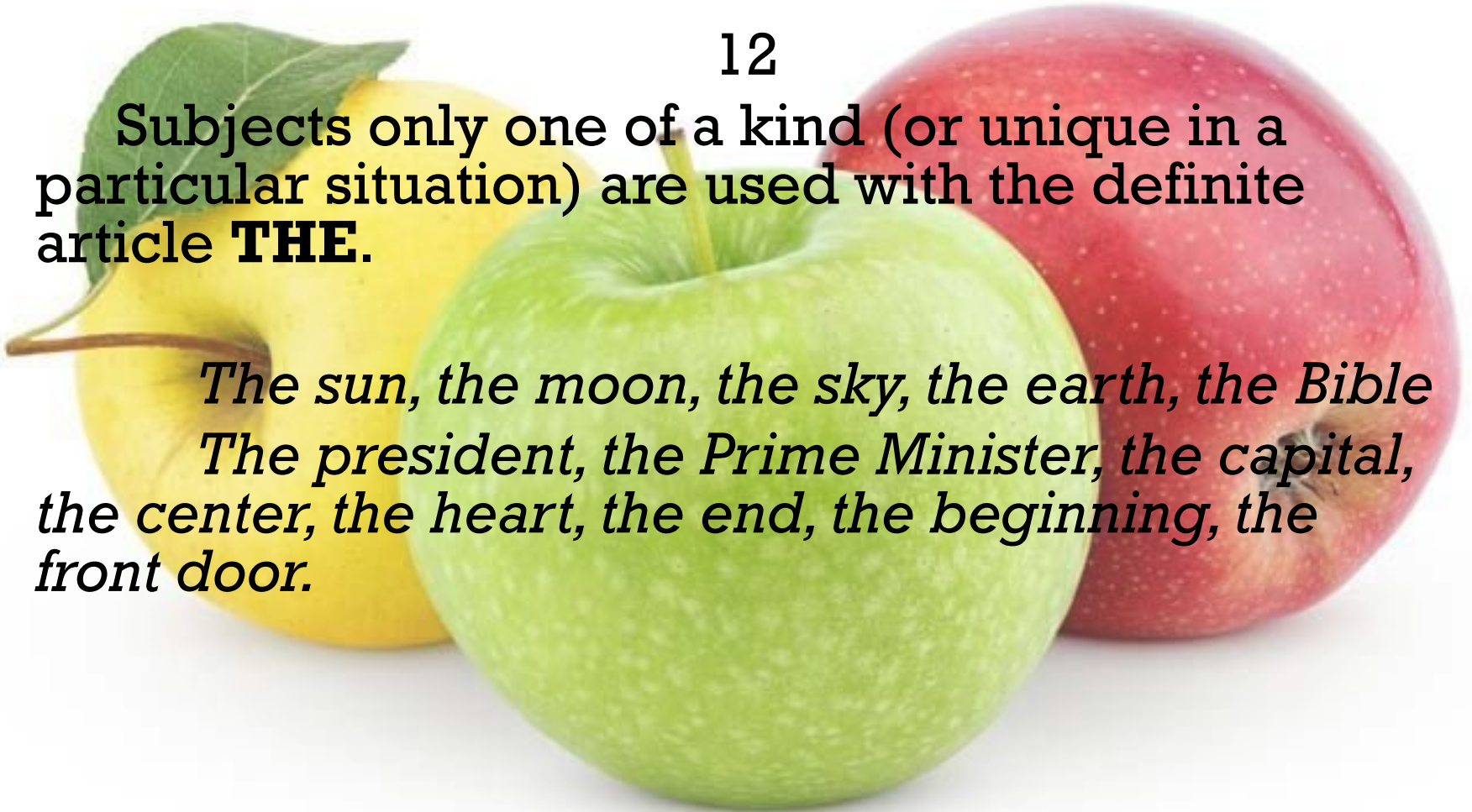


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Subjects only one of a kind (or unique in a particular situation) are used with the definite article **THE**.

*The sun, the moon, the sky, the earth, the Bible
The president, the Prime Minister, the capital,
the center, the heart, the end, the beginning, the
front door.*

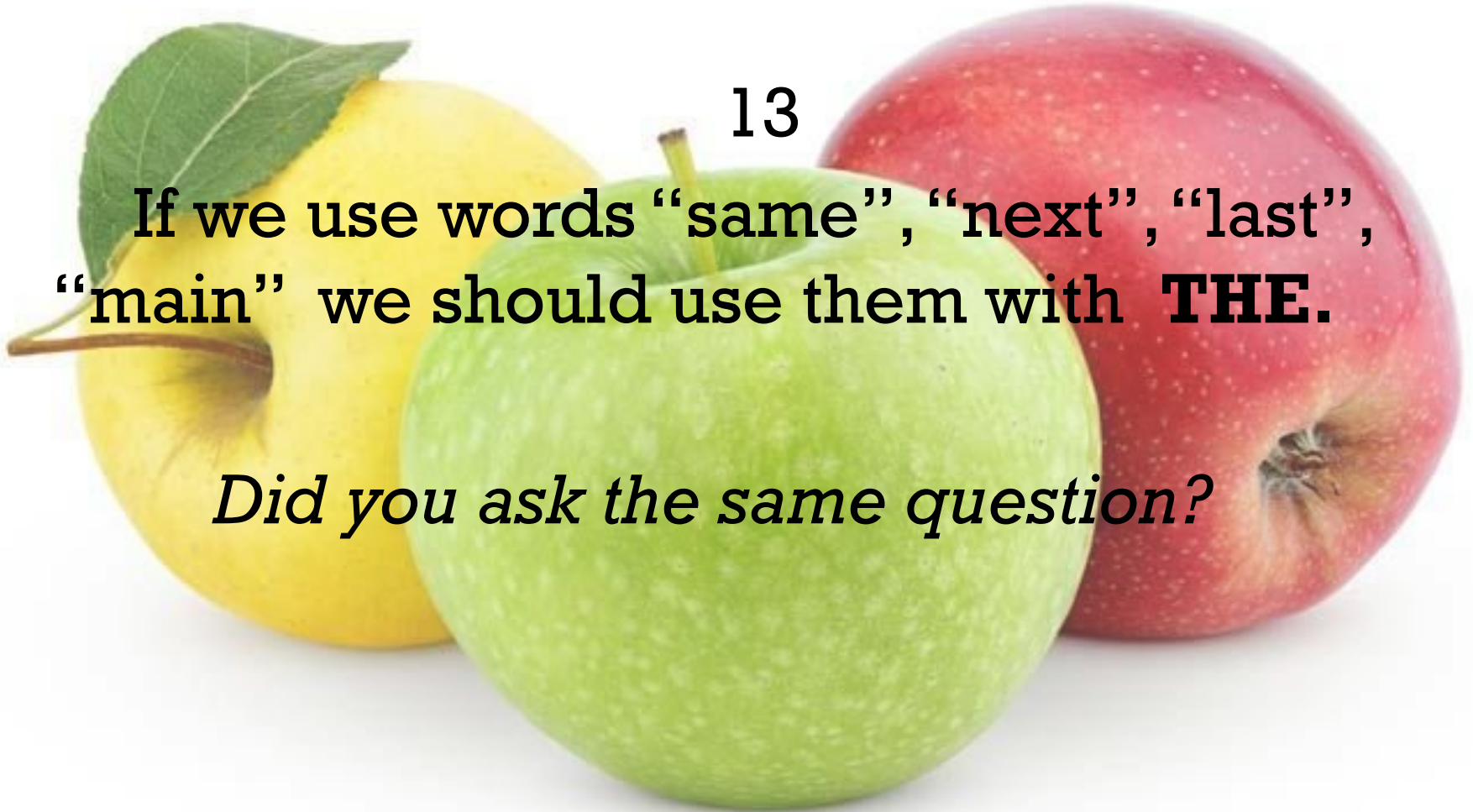


Articles + countable nouns

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If we use words “same”, “next”, “last”, “main” we should use them with **THE**.

Did you ask the same question?



Articles + countable nouns

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Articles in constructions be/go in school and be/go in the school etc.

If the purpose of your visit is corresponded to goals of the institution, the zero article is used. Otherwise the definite article the is used.

Yesterday I went to school early.

Yesterday my mother went to the school to speak to my English teacher.

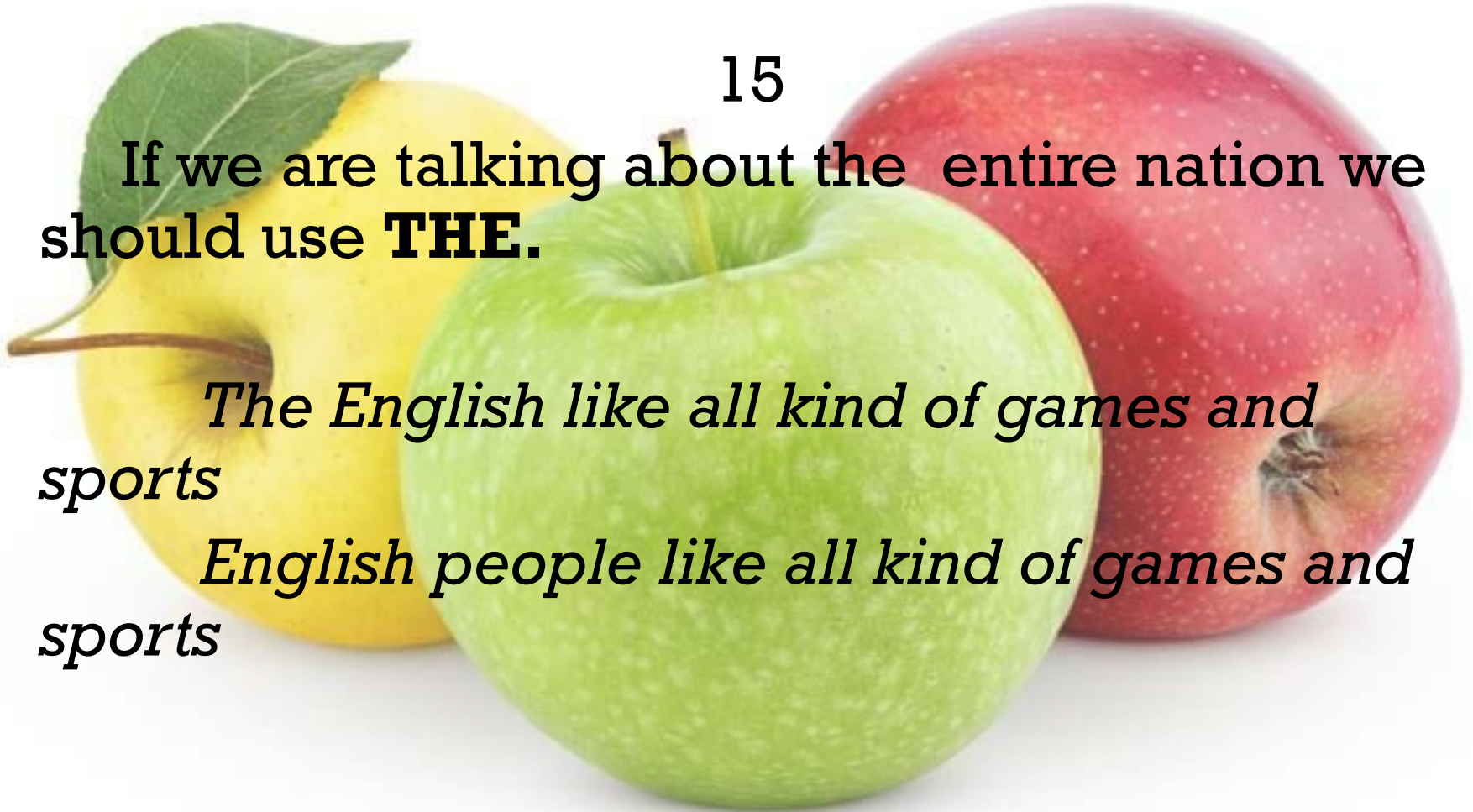
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If we are talking about the entire nation we should use **THE**.

The English like all kind of games and sports

English people like all kind of games and sports



Articles + countable nouns

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The word “bed” is used without an article if we have in mind to go to sleep, stay in bed, in other meanings this word is used in accordance with the general rules.

Yesterday I was very tired, I went to bed at 8 o'clock.

She lost her doll in the bed.

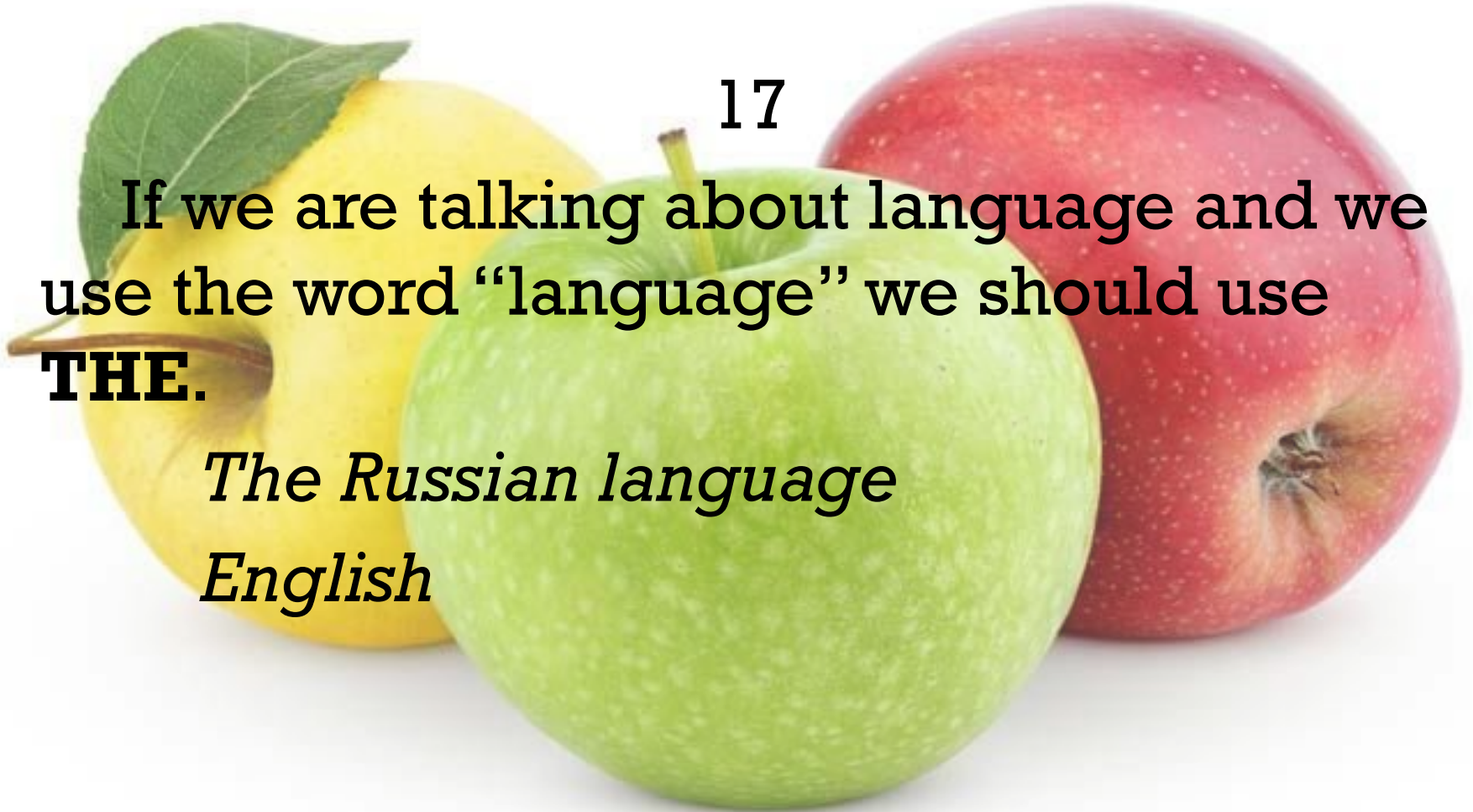
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If we are talking about language and we use the word “language” we should use **THE.**

The Russian language

English



Articles + countable nouns

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As a rule, names of the games are used without an article, but the definite article **THE** is used before the names of musical instruments after the verb “play”.

Tennis is very popular.

My sister can play the piano

Articles + countable nouns in plural form

The indefinite article **A (AN)** may be used only with nouns in singular form, but the definite article **THE** – with nouns both in singular and plural forms.

Constructions that require the indefinite article **A (AN)** in the singular form are used in plural form without an article.

I have got a toy. I have got toys.

The toy is nice. The toys are nice.

Articles + uncountable nouns

A background image showing water being poured from a glass bottle into a glass. The water is captured in motion, creating a dynamic, flowing effect. The entire image has a light blue color cast.

Uncountable nouns can't be used with indefinite articles. Uncountable noun can't be plural.

Articles + uncountable nouns



If we are talking about the substance itself we shouldn't use any article.

Fresh water is water that isn't salty.

If we are talking about a specific amount of substance we should use **THE**.

Don't drink the water.

Articles + proper nouns

A small, fluffy white dog, possibly a Maltese, is sitting in a field of vibrant green grass. The dog is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The background is a soft-focus green field, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Names of days of the week, months and subjects are used without articles.

We have got five lessons on Monday.

Articles + proper nouns

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Names, surnames of people, nicknames of animals are used without articles. We also shouldn't use an article if before the name is a title or manner of address.

Toby is a very clever dog.

Admiral Nelson is not here today.

Articles + geographical names

We should use Zero articles with the names of

- Continents (Europe, America...)
- Countries and states (China, Scotland, California...)
- Cities (New York, Rome...)

BUT there are some geographical names we should learn by heart: the USA, the Crimea, the Vatican, the Irish Republic, the UK.

Articles + geographical names

We should use **THE** with the names of

- Cardinals (The North...)
- Oceans (The Arctic Ocean, the Indian...)
- Seas, rivers (The Black Sea, the Volga...)
- Lakes (The Baikal...)
- Mountain chains, groups of islands (The Alps, the British Isles...)

Articles + a description of cities

An article is not used with names of: parks, streets, squares, bridges, airports, universities.

The definite article **THE** is used with names of: museums, cinemas, theatres, hotels.

Articles + a description of cities

Big Ben

Piccadilly Circus

Buckingham Palace

Westminster

Westminster Abbey

The Kremlin

The Tsar Bell

The City of London

The East End

The West End

The House of Parliament

The House of Lords

The House of Commons

The Tower

The Queen Victoria

Memorial



Articles + stable expressions/collocations

- after classes, at home, at night, at noon, at school
- be at war, before classes
- by bus, by heart, by train
- come home, do homework, draw in pencil
- for ages, for breakfast
- go to bed, have lunch
- in autumn, in danger, in time
- last month, last year
- on foot
- out of town, watch TV.



Articles + stable expressions/collocations

- for a long time, give a call, have a look
- in a hurry, on a cold day, take a shower
- a sense of duty
- at the age of
- at the cinema
- do the shopping
- help about the house
- in the dark, in the forest, in the morning
- on the left, on the stage
- to the country, to the mountains, to the seaside
- on the way home

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_____ Florida State University is smaller than _____ University of Florida.

Nick is _____ doctor in _____ small hospital in London, His wife works as _____ nurse in _____ same hospital.

It was a tough voyage. We were at _____ sea for six weeks and had _____ nice time.

I would like to go to China. I want to try _____ Chinese food and to learn _____ Chinese language. I've heard that _____ Chinese are very hospitable.

_____ KFC is a chain of fast food restaurants. Their fast service is _____ means of attracting customers.

On their way home they noticed _____ nasty car accident. _____ yellow car ran straight into _____ white lorry.

Beware of _____ monkey! It's going to attack you. What _____ dangerous animal!

What _____ wonderful surprise! When did you go to _____ doctor?

I crossed _____ Equator when I travelled to _____ Indonesia.

He studies _____ mathematics, _____ English and _____ physics at _____ college.

Exercise 2

Randy plays **_THE_** violin, and Mark plays **__-__** hockey at **_THE_** Boy's Club near **__-__** Times Square.

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Thank you for your attention!

