

Articles (a, an, the)

An article is a type of adjective. It is a grammatical marker that comes before a noun. Articles are: a, an, and the.

A, and an are indefinite articles. They refer to any item in a category. A is used in front of a consonant sound. An is used in front of a vowel sound.

Example: Please buy me a bike. (any bike)

The is a definite article. It is used to refer to a particular thing.

Example: Please buy me the bike. (a particular bike)

It may be helpful to develop flash cards to help the student practice using articles correctly. On the front, write a noun with a blank space in front of it. On the back, write the correct article.

Front Side: _____ apple

Back Side: an

It may also be helpful to have the student brainstorm a list of nouns that begin with vowel sounds. Then have the student practice saying the article an before each noun.