

Basic rules for using articles

a / an	the	∅ [NO ARTICLE]
unspecific, countable nouns in descriptions	'we know which one' (specific) because <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 unique in this case2 mentioned before3 following information that makes it sufficiently specific4 has superlative adjective (or comparative, if comparing 2 things)5 has ordinal number	unspecific plural or uncountable (especially when generalizing) most proper nouns many names of times (if nouns)