

Артикли в английском

Hi there! Articles in English it's actually one of the most difficult subject of English Grammar. There are so many cases where we must use «a» or «the». And if you look in a textbook you'll find more than one page of the rules about it. But without them we can't speak English properly. I'll try to remind you about the most important things relating to articles in English.

Article is a special word used before nouns. There two articles in English: the definite article and the indefinite article.

The indefinite article has two forms: a and an. If a noun begins with a consonant we must use a. If a noun begins with vowel we must use an.

We use the indefinite article when we name an object referring it to a class of objects having this name.

We use the definite article when we name a particular object and want to single out it from other objects of the same class.

Using of the indefenite article.

- 1) The indefinite article (IA) is used when a person or thing unknown to the hearer or reader is mentioned for the first time.
- 2) The IA is used before countable nouns in the singular after there is (there was, there will be)
- 3) The IA is used before nouns in the function of predicative which usually denotes a class to which a object belongs. But when a predicative denotes a particular object, it's used with the definite article.
- 4) The IA is mostly used with the nouns in the function of apposition. But when the apposition refers to a well-known person, it's used with the definite article.
- 5) The IA is used with countable nouns in the singular after the word what in exclamatory sentences and after the words such, quite, rather.
- 6) In some cases the indefinite article preserves its original meaning of oneness.
- 7) The IA is used in the meaning of every.
- 8) The IA is used in a number of set expressions.

Using of the defenite article.

- 1) The definite article (DA) is used with a noun if it's clear from the context or situation what particular object meant.
- 2) The DA is used with a noun modify by a limiting attribute. In particular, the definite article is used with nouns modified by adjectives in the superlative degree or by ordinal numerals which are limiting attributes.
- 3) The DA is used with a noun followed by an asyndetic attributive clause which is always limiting.
- 4) The DA is used with nouns denoting things unique.
- 5) The DA is used with a noun that represents the whole class.
- 6) The DA is used in a number of set expressions.