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**Articles: Sub-rules**

**The aim of this resource is to:**

* **introduce you to some sub-rules related to the use of articles.**
* **provide you with examples as to how these rules apply.**

**A/an**

* used with the sense of ‘every’ in expressions of time and quantity

Example

Forty times **an** hour Two dollars **a** kilo

**The**

* used with leisure activities/forms of entertainment/travel
  + Entertainment:

Example

I went to **the** **cinema.** I went to **the** **shops.**

* + Transport

Example

I arrived at **the airport.**  I arrived at **the bus stop.**

* + Musical instruments

Example

I play the piano. I play the violin.

* used in the names of items in the following categories:
  + rivers : **the** Ganges
  + mountain rages : **the** Andes
  + oceans and seas : **the** Atlantic
  + deserts : **the** Sahara
  + groups of islands : **the** Maldives
  + hotels : **the** Hilton
  + cinemas : **the** Odeon
  + political bodies : **the** Labour Party
  + countries whose names : **the** United Kingdom, **the** Czech Republic

include political terms/plural **the** Philippines

nouns

**No article**

* ‘Belonging’ to institutions
  + No article is used before the name of certain kinds of institutions when we want to show that someone is part of that institution.

Example

hospital church prison college university sea (the navy)

Is she still in **[]** hospital? He went to sea when he was only fourteen.

* Meals
  + No article is used in expressions which involve using the names of meals to describe an occasion.

Example

She came to **[]** lunch.

* Time expressions
  + No article is used in most time expressions.

Example

next **[]** week last **[]** year on **[]** Sunday

* Work, home and bed
  + **the** is left out after verbs of motion in expressions with work, home and bed when we use these words to describe the concept rather than a particular place or piece of furniture.

Example

She left **[]** work. I got **[]** home. She went to **[]** bed.

* **The** is left out after ‘be’

Example

She at **[]** home/work. I got **[]** home. She is in **[]** bed.