

**WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS - 2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORKSHEET(CHAPTER 3)**  
**TOPIC : A, AN AND THE**

**SYNOPSIS :**

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. The letters a, e, i, o and u are called **vowels**. All the other letters such as b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y and z are called **consonants**.

An **article** is a word used to modify a noun, which is a person, place, animal or thing. An article is a word that comes before a noun. There are three articles – **a, an, the**.

**Rules of using these articles :**

**Use of a and an :**

- 'A' comes before singular nouns that begin with a consonant sound.  
For example : **a** rat, **a** ball.
- 'An' comes before singular nouns that begins with a vowel sound.  
For example : **an** apple, **an** egg.
- We use 'a' or 'an' to speak of someone or something for the first time. They are used with a noun in general.  
For example : Roshan bought **a** bat yesterday.  
Rahul wants to eat **an** ice – cream.

**Use of the :**

- 'The' is used when we talk about a particular person, place, animal or thing.  
For example : **The** dress is pink in colour.  
**The** children are playing outside.
- We use 'the' when the same noun is used for the second time.  
For example : We have **a** test tomorrow.  
We want to do well in **the** test.  
In the above sentence, **a** is mentioned for the first time but **the** is mentioned for the second time.

- **'The'** is used with plural nouns. It is used when naming a noun that refers to an entire group of its kind.  
For example : the earth, the sky, the moon, the sun.
- We use **'the'** with the following :
  - The names of rivers, seas, oceans, mountain ranges.  
For example : **the** Kaveri, **the** Indian Ocean, **the** Himalayas.
  - The names of famous buildings.  
For example : **the** Gateway of India, **the** Red Fort, **the** Victoria Memorial.
  - The names of holy books, newspapers, magazines.  
For example : **the** Gita, **the** Bible, **the** Statesman.
  - The names of trains, ships, aeroplanes, etc.  
For example : **the** Rajdhani Express, **the** Akbar (name of a ship), **the** Air India.
  - The names of some countries ( the name contains a common noun ).  
For example : **the** U.S.A., **the** U.K.  
In the above example, U.S.A. stands for United States of America in which the word **states** is a common noun.  
In the same manner, U.K. stand for United Kingdom in which the word **kingdom** is a common noun.
- We do not use **'the'** before names of people and countries(only when it contains no common noun in the name).

1. **Fill in the blanks with a or an :**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ letter for \_\_\_\_\_ envelope.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ idea for \_\_\_\_\_ story.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ egg for \_\_\_\_\_ slice of bread.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ English team for \_\_\_\_\_ cricket match.

2. **Fill in the blanks using the :**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ house in which we are living is very beautiful.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ beauty of Kashmir is very famous.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Bible is a holy book.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ sky is blue.

**3. Fill in the blanks using articles :**

- a. I bought \_\_\_\_ umbrella yesterday. \_\_\_\_ umbrella is made of fine silk.
- b. She gave me \_\_\_\_ egg and \_\_\_\_ orange for breakfast.
- c. \_\_\_\_ Principal explained \_\_\_\_ whole problem to \_\_\_\_ parents.
- d. They are going to build \_\_\_\_ new bridge here.

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