

Welcome to Intermediate Level 1, Until 1, Lesson 1.

I thought we'd start the the intermediate level course with articles:

In English **a**, & **an**, are the indefinite articles and **the** is called the definite article.

But ... before we go into articles we have to learn where, why and how are they used!

The short answer is that articles are used before nouns. Example:

A ship, a house, a car. In English adjectives are placed between the article and the noun:

A big ship, a beautiful house, a new car.

Articles are never used before a proper noun (persons name). Example:

A Peter, an Andy, A David. No It's just Peter, Andy David.

Ok, so when is “**an**” used as an article?

Well “**an**” must be used when the article **directly precedes** (comes before) a letter beginning with a vowel.

Do you remember your English vowels? See “beginners level, lesson 1” if you have forgotten the pronunciations.

Here are the **main** English vowels:

The **articles** to be used with words beginning with vowels are; for example:

An apple, **an** elephant, **an** igloo, **an** octopus, **an** umbrella.

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