

# ARTICLES

## WRITE

**A**  
**AN**

before consonant or consonant sound  
before vowel or vowel sound

## PRONOUNCE "the" AS

**/ ðə /**  
**/ ði /**

before consonant or consonant sound  
before vowel or vowel sound

In the following phrases, supply either **a** or **an**:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. ____ bingo game      | 13. ____ fine opera      | 25. ____ usual feeling |
| 2. ____ idiot           | 14. ____ television      | 26. ____ interest      |
| 3. ____ good job        | 15. ____ earthquake      | 27. ____ alibi         |
| 4. ____ rotten plum     | 16. ____ icicle          | 28. ____ early bird    |
| 5. ____ used fork       | 17. ____ plant           | 29. ____ couch         |
| 6. ____ uncle           | 18. ____ eggplant        | 30. ____ airplane      |
| 7. ____ historian       | 19. ____ honourable man  | 31. ____ grade         |
| 8. ____ apple           | 20. ____ intelligent boy | 32. ____ pair          |
| 9. ____ hair            | 21. ____ table           | 33. ____ idea          |
| 10. ____ artichoke      | 22. ____ up stairway     | 34. ____ energy level  |
| 11. ____ horrible movie | 23. ____ paper clip      |                        |
| 12. ____ opera          | 24. ____ animal          |                        |

**THE** – DO YOU PRONOUNCE / ð / OR / i / ?

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 The United States ____  | 8 The Mediterranean ____       | 15 The yellow lines ____     |
| 2 The MTV ____            | 9 The air we breathe ____      | 16 The water we drink ____   |
| 3 The correct answer ____ | 10 The heir to the throne ____ | 17 The United Kingdom ____   |
| 4 The end ____            | 11 The hours we waste ____     | 18 The Golden Gate ____      |
| 5 The Universe ____       | 12 The BBC ____                | 19 The Europeans ____        |
| 6 The Earth ____          | 13 The human race ____         | 20 The Old Soviet Union ____ |
| 7 The Atlantic Ocean ____ | 14 The animals ____            |                              |



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| 1. a  | 12.an | 24.an |
| 2. an | 13.a  | 25.a  |
| 3. a  | 14.a  | 26.an |
| 4. a  | 15.an | 27.an |
| 5. a  | 16.an | 28.an |
| 6. an | 17.a  | 29.a  |
| 7. a  | 18.an | 30.an |
| 8. an | 19.an | 31.a  |
| 9. a  | 20.an | 32.a  |
| 10.an | 21.a  | 33.an |
| 11.a  | 22.an | 34.an |
|       | 23.a  |       |

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| 1. <b>ə</b>  | 11. <b>i</b> |
| 2. <b>i</b>  | 12. <b>ə</b> |
| 3. <b>ə</b>  | 13. <b>ə</b> |
| 4. <b>i</b>  | 14. <b>i</b> |
| 5. <b>ə</b>  | 15. <b>ə</b> |
| 6. <b>i</b>  | 16. <b>ə</b> |
| 7. <b>i</b>  | 17. <b>ə</b> |
| 8. <b>ə</b>  | 18. <b>ə</b> |
| 9. <b>i</b>  | 19. <b>ə</b> |
| 10. <b>i</b> | 20. <b>i</b> |