

a	an	the	no article
indefinite article with consonants (b,c,d,f,g...z)	indefinite article with vowels (a,e,i,o,u)	definite article <i>regardless</i> whether the noun starts with a consonant or a vowel	-
<i>not</i> specifically known to the person you are speaking with	<i>not</i> specifically known to the person you are speaking with	specific object that <i>both</i> the speaker and the listener <i>know</i>	general things
singular nouns	singular nouns	plural nouns	uncountable nouns
-	-	collection of states in a country (The United States of America, The UK, The Irish Republic)	countries, states, counties, provinces, lakes, mountains
-	-	Multiple areas: The Philippines, The Netherlands, the British Isles	others: sports, meals, places, transport, rivers, oceans, seas
-	-	Geographical points in the globe (the North Pole, the equator)	-
-	-	one and only particular thing (the sun, the moon, the wind, the Buckingham Palace)	-