1. A vs An

Indefinite Articles are "a" and "an." They apply when you’re talking about any member of a group. Fill in the blank with “a” or “an.”

1. __a__ blue house
2. __an__ imagination
3. __a__ girl
4. __an__ orange
5. __a__ used car
6. __a__ happy birthday
7. __a__ uncle
8. __an__ antelope
9. __a__ husband
10. __an__ opera singer
11. __a__ current
12. __an__ elephant
13. __a__ plum
14. __a__ computer
15. __an__ ocean
16. __an__ example
17. __a__ rock
18. __a__ bookshelf
19. __an__ honorable man
20. __an__ interesting man

2. Indefinite and Definite Articles

Definite Articles (the) indicate a specific member of a group. Decide if you need an indefinite article (“a” or “an”) or a definite article (“the”), and fill in the blank appropriately.

1. The farmer bought __AN__ ox to help till his field.
2. __THE__ school on my street is progressive.
3. Mrs. Geremia is __AN__ Italian woman.
4. I borrowed __A__ marker from your bag of crayons and markers.
5. One of the dancers said, "__THE__ instructor is late today."
6. I want __AN__ orange from that bucket.
7. My friend is learning to play __THE__ flute at her school.
8. Please give me __THE__ piece of pie to the left of the cake in the display.
9. __AN__ energetic person would be fun to spend time with.
10. __THE__ color of the paint I’m using is pink.
3. Geographical Place and Proper Nouns: When Can You Skip Articles?

Some proper nouns, like countries, cities, lakes, single mountains, and streets do not need an article. Others, general places like regions, oceans, deserts, mountain ranges and peninsulas need “the” before them. Fill in the blank if you need an article, leave it blank if you do not.

1. ____ Albania
2. __THE__ Pacific Ocean
3. ____Lake Champlain
4. ____Albany, NY
5. __THE__ Sahara Desert
6. ____Lake George
7. __THE__ Nile River
8. __THE__ Alps
9. ____Mount Everest
10. ____Kansas
11. __THE__ Middle East
12. ____ Brandywine St NW

4. Editing a Paragraph

All of the articles have been taken out of these paragraph, fill in the blanks with the appropriate article or leave it blank if you do not need an article. You do not need an article for certain geographical locations, general terms, years, and uncountable nouns.

Alexander Hamilton (January 11, 1755 or 1757 – July 12, 1804) was A Founding Father of THE United States, chief staff aide to General George Washington, one of the most influential interpreters and promoters of THE U.S. Constitution, THE founder of the nation's financial system, and THE founder of The New York Post. As THE first Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton was THE primary author of the economic policies of the George Washington administration. Hamilton took the lead in, the establishment of A national bank, A system of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. He owned A large library and was generally considered AN honorable man despite being involved in a famous sex scandal.

Intermittent civil wars have broken out since ___Sudan won its independence in ___1956, culminating in large conflicts: the first Sudanese civil war, civil unrest in the Blue Nile region and South Kordofan, and the violence in ___Darfur. Along with scarce resources, conflicts have been fueled by the political, economic, religious and cultural marginalization of ___minority groups by the government in ___Khartoum, the capital city. In addition, conflicts between nomadic tribes in Sudan and between nomadic herders and farmers are often sparked by disputes over scarce resources such as grazing land and drinking water.