

THE ARTICLE

Part 2

Articles with nouns referring to unique objects

the - in most cases

e.g. The whole country belongs to me, with **the sky** for a roof and **the earth** for a bed

the universe, the atmosphere, the ground, the horizon, the sea, the moon, the North, the South, the East, the West, etc

BUT: to lie/to go **north of** France (adverb)



a/an – with a descriptive attribute

e.g. From that height the white houses seemed to be pricked by **a great orange sun**


- In the **RHEME** of the sentence

e.g. If there was **a moon** she turned off the lights and would watch it for hours


e.g. He saw **a blue sparkling sea** dotted with white sails

Articles with names of

substances

⊗ zero	the	a/an
1. in the nominating meaning	for the <i>specific</i> amount of substance	1. for a portion
<p>e.g. While packing, George and Harris upset ⊗ salt over everything</p> <p>e.g. Your child needs ⊗ fresh air and ⊗ sunshine</p> <p>e.g. ⊗ Sparkling water, or ⊗ still water, Sir?</p> <p>.</p>	<p>e.g. Could pass me the salt?</p> <p>e.g. He said he had never noticed how strong the air at that sea-side town was</p>	<p>e.g. He ordered two beers and a coke</p> 
2. in the generic meaning		2. for a sort or a variety
⊗ Salt is rightly called "white death"		This is a very special and rare tea , and it costs a fortune

Articles with abstract nouns

⊗ zero	the	a/an
1. In the generic meaning	1. When the situation makes them specific	1. In exclamatory sentences after What...!
e.g. They moved in ⊗ silence e.g. He studies ⊗ law	e.g. The silence in the room became oppressive 	e.g. What a pity! e.g. What a shame! (disgrace/pleasure/ relief, comfort/disappointment)
2. With descriptive attributes		2. With adjectives certain and peculiar
e.g. ⊗ English literature ⊗ modern art ⊗ true friendship ⊗ immense joy ⊗ romantic prose ⊗ public recognition ⊗ nervous attitude ⊗ inside information ⊗ incessant talk		e.g. There is a peculiar tension about her e.g. Of course, he had a certain shrewdness , but you could hardly call him clever

We are HOMONYMS

MN

- work - работа
- nature – природа
- decision -решимость
- beauty - красота
- experience – ОПЫТ


These nouns **NEVER** take the indefinite article

**advice/assistance/bliss/
breeding/control/
cunning/evidence/guidance/
health/fun/ information/
luck/money/nature/nonsense/
permission/progress/ trade/ work/
weather**


CN

- a work - произведение
- a nature –натура, характер
- a decision- решение
- a beauty -красотка
- an experience- случай
- a time -раз
- a light – огонек

Articles with names of seasons

⊗ zero	the	a/an
1. In most cases	1. with a limiting attribute or when made specific by the situation	With a descriptive attribute
⊗ Winter came and with it severe snowstorms	e.g. The summer of 1953 was particularly cold	e.g. It was a cold rainy autumn
2. With late/early	2. After during/for/through	
e.g. I don't know what you call this season: ⊗ late winter or ⊗ early spring	e.g. They always move to the country for the winter	

Articles with names of times of the day and night

⊗zero	the	a/an
<p>1. When they denote LIGHT/DARKNESS</p>	<p>1. With the limiting attribute or when made specific by the situation</p>	
<p>e.g. ⊗Dusk fell without my noticing it</p>	<p>e.g. The morning of his departure was tearful e.g. The rain had stopped and the night was starry</p>	
<p>2 after the prepositions AT/AFTER/BEFORE/BY/TILL/UNTIL/TOWARDS/PAST</p>	<p>2. after the prepositions IN/ DURING/THROUGH</p>	<p>1. With a descriptive attribute</p>
<p>e.g. At⊗ dawn/by noon/past midnight/ towards sunset/ until sunrise/ before nightfall/ after twilight</p>	<p>e.g. In the afternoon/ during the daytime/ through the night</p>	<p>e.g. It was a frosty night</p>

Articles with names of meals

⊗/zero	the	a/an
1. In most cases	1. with a limiting attribute or when made specific by the situation	With a descriptive attribute
e.g. ⊗ Dinner is not a very good idea at midnight e.g. He had ⊗ lunch at work e.g. ⊗ Tea is the most sociable meal of the day	e.g. Do you remember the breakfast we ate in the park? e.g. The dinner is marvelous!	e.g. They ordered a cold dinner from the room-service



Articles with nouns SCHOOL, CHURCH, BED, MARKET, etc

⊗ zero+MN

When we mean **INSTITUTIONS** or denote **ACTIVITIES** associated with these places

Be in/go to ⊗ **bed/ school/ prison/hospital**

Be at ⊗ **table**

Be at/in(AM) ⊗ **college/university**

Go into/be taken to ⊗ **prison/jail/court**

Get out of/stay in ⊗ **bed**

Come from ⊗ **school/college/university**

Leave ⊗ **college/ school**

Come out of ⊗ **hospital/jail**

hours of ⊗ **market**

the/a/an+ CN

When we mean **BUILDINGS/OBJECTS**

The college was a stately six-storey building


There is **an old church** above the city



Articles in set-phrases

⊗ zero	the	a/an
<p>In translation</p> <p>Play football/tennis</p> <p>Keep house-вести ХОЗЯЙСТВО</p> <p>Out of doors</p> <p>Take to heart</p> <p>Lose heart</p> <p>Take offence</p> <p>At present</p> <p>In future</p> <p>For hours/ages</p> <p>By land/air/sea</p> <p>By mail/post</p> <p>Go to sea- стать моряком</p> <p>On deck</p> <p>At work</p> <p>At peace</p> <p>By name</p> <p>In debt</p> <p>By mistake/chance</p>	<p>In the original</p> <p>Play the piano/the violin</p> <p>Keep the bed/the house – соблюдать постельный режим</p> <p>Take the trouble - потрудиться</p> <p>On the one hand ...on the other hand</p> <p>To tell the truth,</p> <p>To be on the safe side, - для верности.</p>	<p>In a hurry</p> <p>To have a mind to do smth</p> <p>To have a good time</p> <p>To be at a loss</p> <p>To fly in a fury/a rage</p> <p>To take a fancy to</p> <p>As a result</p> <p>At a glance</p>

Articles with proper names

⊗ zero	the	a/an
With names of persons with or without appositive titles /ranks/family words	1. With family names in the plural referring to the whole family	With a family name referring to a member of a family
<p> <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> <i>Dr Watson</i> <i>President Lincoln</i> <i>Prince Charles</i> <i>Mr and Mrs Obama</i> <i>Lady Bracknell</i> <i>Colonel Pickering</i> <i>Judge Darling</i> <i>Nurse Poppins</i> <i>Uncle Podger</i> <i>Sister Carry</i> </p>	<p> <i>The Obamas</i> <i>The Obama family</i> <i>The Marx Brothers</i> </p> 	<p>e.g. I'm <i>a Karamazov</i>... when I fall into the abyss, I go straight into it, head down and heels up, and I'm even pleased that I'm falling in such a humiliating position, and for me I find it beautiful</p>
2 after good, old, dear, poor, little, honest, young	2. In the particularizing meaning (with or without	2. After certain

Articles with names of places

⊗ zero	the
1. Names of <i>continents, countries, counties, states, cities, towns, villages, squares, streets</i>	1a. Names of states containing a common noun
⊗ North America, Asia Minor, Great Britain, Staffordshire, Texas, London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Gretna Green, Trafalgar Square, Fifth Avenue, Baker Street, 42-nd street	The United Kingdom REMEMBER! The Netherlands, the Argentine, the Lebanon, the Hague, the Strand, the Mall, the Haymarket, the High street
	1b. Names of SOME areas, regions and boroughs
BUT: ⊗ Manhattan, Provence, Soho, Greenwich Village, Brooklyn, etc	The Bronx, the City, the East End, the West End, the Village, the Upper East Side, the Ruhr, the Saar, the Riviera, the Caucasus, the Crimea, the Midwest, the Everglades, the Midlands, the Far East
	2. Names of oceans, seas, rivers, lakes,

Articles with miscellaneous names

⊗ Zero	the
1. Names of cathedrals, churches, palaces, etc	
⊗ St. Paul's (Cathedral), St. Martin in the Fields, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Colosseum	BUT: the Tower, the White House, the Old Bailey
2. Names of <i>parks, gardens and bridges</i>	
⊗ Hyde Park, Central Park, Kensington Gardens ⊗ Waterloo Bridge	BUT: the Botanical Gardens, the Tiergarten The Tower bridge
3. Names of <i>colleges, schools, universities</i>	
⊗ Oxford University, Corpus Christi College, St. Ann's School, Eton	BUT: the London School of Economics and Political Science The University of Oxford



Articles with nouns in some syntactic positions

⊗ Zero	the	a/an
1. With nouns in apposition denoting <i>the unique post/rank/state</i>	1. With nouns in apposition having the <i>particularizing</i> character or used <i>before</i> proper names	1. With nouns in apposition having <i>descriptive</i> character
e.g. Mr. Turner, ⊗ head of the company , is waiting for you	e.g. The stories of W.S. Maugham, the famous short-story writer , are set in Malaya e.g. Winnie -the-Pooh e.g. the painter Hogarth, the composer Britten	e.g. Jimmy Langton, a fat, bald-headed rubicund man of forty-five , had a passion for the theatre
2. With predicative nouns after link-verbs TURN/GO or when they denote <i>the unique post/rank/state</i>	2. With predicative nouns having <i>a particularizing attribute</i> or <i>specific/unique under the circumstances</i>	2. With most of CNS in the predicative position (<i>Golden Rule #3</i>)
e.g. He turned ⊗ traitor	e.g. You are the only	e.g. She is a charming

Articles with numerals

⊗ zero	The	A/An
1. WITH	ORDINAL	NUMBERS
<p>A) in set-phrases</p> <p>at ⊗ first hand at ⊗ first sight to do smth on ⊗ second thought to do smth ⊗ first thing</p> <p>B) In proper names</p> <p>⊗ Fifth Avenue ⊗ 24-nd Street</p>	<p>as LIMITING attributes</p> <p>Take the first turn right He was the second to come It's the forth room down the corridor</p>	<p>as NON-LIMITING attributes</p> <p>The boy took a third helping of an apple-pie (another/one more)</p> <p>A first night is a black tie event I have never won a first prize in my life, but once I won a second prize</p>