

Articles: “a”, “an” and “the”

Articles indicate an instance of something, either specific or non-specific (Los artículos indican un caso de algo, ya sea específico o no específico)

Articles		
a	indefinite article (used before a hard sound)	<i>She is a student</i> <i>The room is a mess</i> <i>I saw a horse. (hard “h”)</i> <i>It is a unique opportunity (hard “a”)</i>
an	indefinite article (used before a soft sound)	<i>We shared an apple</i> <i>He wants to be an actor</i> <i>It’s an historic house (soft “h”)</i>
the	definite article	<i>I saw the horse</i> <i>He kicked the ball</i> <i>The lady I met is nice</i>

Quiz: select the correct answer

Indicate “a”, “an,” or “the”		
Mary said yes to ____ Archangel.	Hand me ____ pencil over there.	Milk is ____ dairy product.
I need ____ car.	It’s cold! I need ____ hat.	The sun rises in ____ east.
We rented ____ car at the airport.	Maybe I’ll have ____ egg for breakfast.	There is ____ man sleeping.

Articles and general v. specific nouns

Examples:

I need water v. I need a glass of water

Food is good for you v. The food he eats is bad for him.

I like to listen to music v. I like the music we listen to at church

Exercise: translate the following into English:

	Translate	Corrected
<i>La naturaleza es hermosa</i>		
<i>Me gusta la pizza</i>		
<i>Necesito un consejo</i>		
<i>Ella tiene coche</i>		
<i>Me gusta la música en la iglesia</i>		